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Meretz blasts plan for new town over **Green Line**

SARAH HONIG

MERETZ yesterday accused Labor of striking a deal with the haredi parties that would involve the construction of a new city in the territories. The deal would offer new

housing for the growing haredi population, reportedly in return for the haredi parties' abstention in no-confidence votes.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer is awaiting speedy cabinet approval for a new city called Matityahu, to be con-structed adjacent to Kiryat Sefer. a haredi town which is located just across the Green Line in the Modi'in region. Some 13,000 would be built in Matityahu's first stage. According to Ben-Eliezer this

"is not in any way a political deal. There is a severe housing shortage in the haredi community, and Matityahn is intended to alleviate the shortage somewhat."

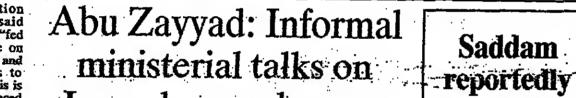
Abstention in no-confidence votes at this stage, he said, "is meaningless, because the elections might be advanced in any case. On the one hand, the media says Labor wants early elections, and on the other, we are accused of doing everything to stave them off."

Ben-Eliezer wants the government to approve his plans within the next 10 days.

Meretz Knesset faction ehairman Ran Cohen said vesterday that the party is "fed up with Labor's insistence on dealing behind our back and bending, over backwards to court religious support. This is



a Munich ceremony yesterday, at which Kohl was awarded the B'nai B'rith President's Medal for Hamanitarianism in recognition of his work to foster German-Israeli relations and to support the Middle East peace process.



US downplays chance for Israel-Syria breakthrough

Iran threatens Assad if he makes peace

THE US yesterday played down chances of a quick breakthrough in the Israehi-Syrian peace talks, now under way in Maryland, saying no dramatic results should be expected.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said that though the talks had "gotten off to a good start" Wednesday, serions progress could only be expected when he makes another tour of the Middle East next month.

Meanwhile, Iran's media have launched a public attack on Syria over the peace talks, leading Western observers to speculate there may be a break between the two countries,

The Teheran daily Abrar, which reflects the views of Iranian spiritual leader Ali Akhbar Khamenei, said: "Syria is now abjectly seeking peace. Its representatives have even had dinner with the Zionist delegation."

While the invective did not refer directly to Syrian President Hafez Assad, it contained an oblique warning that Syrian lead-ers face assassination if they sign an accord with Israel.

The bomb explosion in Riyadh [in November] showed what dependence on foreigners brings. If the Damascus statesmen ignore it, they will suffer the same. fate as [assassinated Egyptian president] Anwar Sadat," Abrar ject for that - land."

DOUGLAS DAVIS and news agencies

month, when Damascus demanded a halt to its operations in the south Lebanon security zone during Christopher's visit to the

egion. In his statement to reporters, Christopher said: "The pattern here is for there to be very wideranging discussions and some tentative approaches made, and then when I go to the region I'm able to confirm the approaches or maybe move them ahead. "I would counsel not expecting

any dramatic results from Wye Plantation, and look toward my trip in the hope that I can at that time indicate some progress has been made."

There has been no sign of a change of position by either side. Instead, there are signs that For-eign Minister Ehud Barak angered Syria by saying that Israel would only reveal the extent of a possible Golan pull-back when Syria commits itself to full ties. This has long been the Israeli position, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres has soft-pedaled it in

public since taking over after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. In a commentary that contrasted with recent upbeat statements in Damascus, the official Syrian daily Al-Bauth accused Barak of "blackmailing Syria on something which can never be a subputting forth issues and proposals which are very far from the core of peace," *Al-Baath* said. "Israel is posing demands which it knows are not acceptable and cannot be subject to discussion. These Israeli demands are forms of de-

manding the impossible." The paper did not spell out the Isracli demands, nor the "scrious and practical combinations" it said Damascus had proposed to push the peace process forward. The paper said a decisive step

could be taken at Maryland if Israel commits itself to full withdrawal from the Golan Heights. On the issue of water, Israel

also staked out a tough position. "Any future border between Israel and Syria must take into account full Israeli control of all of the sources of fresh water," Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said yesterday, at a meeting with editors and journalists from

the Russian-language media. He also said he believed there is no reason to link the date of the elections to the negotiations with Syria.

Meanwhile, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu declared that he would not give up the Golan' or Israel's non-conventional weapons capability in return for a peace agreement that would include Iran, Iraq, and Libya.

Netanyahu, speaking to Rafael employees at the armaments deof Acre, said even the most fan-

ridiculous. When we are faced with the problem of what to do with all the troublesome settlements, which unfortunately already exist, this government is out to start yet another."

Labor sources stressed, however, that what is involved is not construction deep inside Judea and Samaria, but a town which will basically straddle the Green Line, right next to existing towns, in an area where there will have to be border adjustments.

Jerusalem under way BILL HUTMAN

SECRET "informal talks" on Jerusalem between Israeli and Palestinian ministers have been conducted here and abroad over the past several months, Ziyad Abu Zayyad, a senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said vesterday.

"The meetings are on the ministerial level, with the aim of exploring each side's position on Jerusalem," Abu Zayyad said. "We are not talking about social gatherings. These are meetings that are scheduled with each side knowing that Jerusalem is going to be the topic of discussion."

Abu Zayyad described the talks as "informal," but said the purpose (Continued on Page 20)

Ramon: If we don't respect religious status quo we'll get Netanyahu as PM

HAIM SHAPIRO

INTERIOR Minister Haim Ramon said he is committed to the status quo on religious issues, and will not recognize non-Orthodox conversions conducted in Israel. even if it makes Reform rabbis

angry. Ramon, who spoke this week to a group of 50 rabbis from the US on a mission sponsored by ARZA, the Reform Movement's Zionist organization, said in an interview that the reason the rabbis were angry was that he told them the truth, while others bedged.

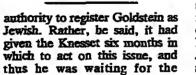
They wanted to hear what, to my sorrow, other people say to them without any basis," Ramon said. "I tell them the truth without apology, so that they will know who I am and what I am."

Ramon insisted that the High Court of Justice decision last month regarding Eliane Gold-stein - a non-Jew from Brazil converted to Judaism in a Reform ceremony in Israel - had not given the Interior Minister the

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Those who insisted that he register Goldstein as Jewish, Ramon said, were saying that he should do exactly what they accused the haredi interior ministers of doing - using the bureaucracy to establish policy - except that they wanted him to act in line with their views.

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"That's very dangerous," Ra-mon said. "That will make it impossible to demand of a religious interior minister that he should act in accordance with the law when he is in power."

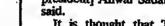
Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Reli-gious Action Center (RAC) in Jerusalem, said that Ramon had been misinformed about the High Court decision. That deci-

sion, Regev maintains, did not set a time limit, and had only ruled that the British Mandatory ordinance, making the Chief Rabbinate the sole arbiter on Jewish conversions in Israel, was not valid in relation to either the Law of Return or the Population Registry.

Regev said that the RAC had given the ministry until the end of December to register Goldstein as Jewish, before again resorting to the courts. Regev said that the ministry's legal adviser had asked for more time to study the decision.

Meanwhile, Ramon said that although the government did not want to pass any religious legisla-tion, it would if it was forced to do so, just as it did when it passed a law making the import of non-kosher meat illegal after the High Court had struck down a regulation to this effect.

Such religious legislation did not reflect his point of view, Ra-(Continued on Page 29)



has cancer

DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON

IRAQI President Saddam

Hussein is suffering from

lymphatie cancer, accord-

ing to Middle East sources

quoted by the London-based newsletter, Foreign

Report. The cancer is described

as a form of Hodgkin's

Disease, which is not nec-

essarily fatal if detected at

a relatively early stage.

Saddam is reported to be

receiving treatment from

European specialists, who

have been summoned to

Among the symptoms

are intermittent low-grade fever, itching of the skin

and enlargement of the

receiving radiation therapy and steroids,

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It is thought that Tcheran's outburst is related to a Syrian crackdown on Hizbullah last

The paper also accused Israel of obstructing the talks by "de-manding the impossible." "Israeli officials are back to

tastic peace agreement could not guarantee Israel's security. David Rudge contributed to this report.

Hawatmeh: I want to live under Palestinian rule

JON IMMANUEL

NAYEF Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, told Israel Radio and TV yesterday from Damascus that he wants to live under Palestinian rule, but violence is legitimate "until the end of occupation."

Hawatmeh had informed colleagues in Israel that he was willing to speak to the Hebrew media to press his demand to be allowed into the Gaza Strip. Hawatmeh has made the request several times, usually via French or Russian diplomats in Damascus. This is the first time he made a direct appeal to Israel.

Attempts by The Jerusalem Post to speak to Hawatmeh were rebuffed by his staff, who twice said be was in meetings but would be available today. They affirmed that Hawatneh "wishes to go to Palestine," bnt not for a meeting of the Palestine National Council, of which he is

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not a member. Hawatmeh said on Israel TV that the PNC should only meet in Tunis, outside the Palestinian Authority's self-rule territory. A previous attempt to talk to

Hawatmeh in 1994 during a chance encounter in an elevator in Amman was also rebuffed. At the time, Hawatmeh was wary of talking to Israeli journalists. The air force was pnunding his bases in Lehanon that day, and his opposition to the Oslo Accords intensified his suspicions.

However, Hawatmeh was the first PLO official to initiate

meetings with Israelis in the ear-ly 1970s, shortly before the Ma'alot massacre on May 15, 1974, in which 24 schoolchildren and three members of one family were killed.

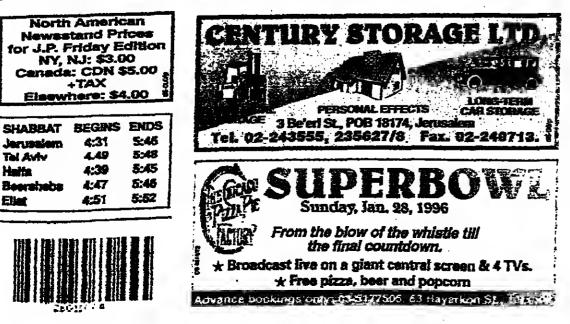
Hawatmeh told Israel Radio that Ma'alot "was an exception. Normally, we only attack military targets."

He offered no change in DFLP policy toward Israel, calling for "comprehensive talks to achieve a Palestinian state by the side of Israel, and the removal of occupation and settlements."

The DFLP enjoys the support of about 3 percent of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians.







NEWS

Vote tampering leads to call for revote in Jerusalem, Hebron everywhere, but could not be ev- sive Israeli police presence kept

yesterday for another legislative council vote in Jerusalem and Hebron, saying that there were too many doubts about fairness in Jerusalem, and firm evideoce of vote tampering in Hebron.

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The Palestinian Dumestic Monitoring Committee said at a news conference that the low turnout in Jerusalem and Hehron - 50% and 35% respectively was because of Israeli police and military presence, and was com-

PALESTINIAN monitors called pounded in Hebron by clear irregularities in the ballotting.

The PDMC aaid there was clear evidence in one ballot box in Hebron of a discrepancy between the unofficial count conducted hy candidates' observers and the PDMC, and with the official count of the Central Electioos Commission.

"In polling station No. 57 in Hebron, there was a difference of 60 to 70 votes between our ournber and the number which the

CEC had," said Zakaria Odeh, of the PDMC, Odeh said it did not look like an innocent comput-. ing error. "There is a political direction to it," he said.

An official investigation seems unlikely, however. CEC official Gabi Baramki said he understood there were some violations, but "even if there were violations they were not immense."

There were 200 boxes in Hebroo, Odeh said, of which 49 went astray for up to 24 hours. If

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the error in one box was multiplied 50-fold, he said, that could seriously affect the results. Peace Watch, an Israeli moni-

toring committee that has heard similar complaints, joined the PDMC in calling for the CEC to investigate.

But the CEC itself may not be blameless. The PDMC charged that a CEC official filled out the ballot of a blind man according to

one of the component parties of

by MK Zevulun Hammer (Na-

tional Religions Party) that

would require a special majority

to make changes in religious leg-

islation, which passed a prelimi-

nary reading earlier this week. She said the bill "will anchor m

Aloni hlasted a bill submitted

his own voting preference.

In the case of disabled and illiterates, there were supposed to be two witnesses, one of the voter's . choice and one election official. Several Palestinian election officials complained to The Jerusalem Post that international observers were not effective because they were stationed only in towns and not in the villages. Carl Lidbom, head of the Enropean Union observers, said this . was not true. "We had people

crywhere all the time."

In many villages the Palestinian Police interfered in the voting. Odeh said, and added that a PDMC spot survey showed that many of the 30,000 policemen may not have voted at all, because they were on duty outside their areas. Io Jernsalem, Fatah-FIDA

candidate Zahira Kamal, who lost by 104 votes, demanded a revote because she said the masvoter turnout low.

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"Leaflets distributed by the Likud telling people they may lose social security rights [if they vote] did not help," Odeh said. In Ramallah, three candidates Se

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complained. Palestinian People's Party candidate Mustafa Barghouti and independents Buseina Dokmat and Nadim Zarou said they believed that a change occurred in the counting after they appeared to be winning.

Intelligence chief PA not working against terror

HERB KEINON

THE Palestinian Authority is not working against the terror infrastructure in the territories, but is keeping it as a bargaining chip with the Israelis, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon reportedly told the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza yesterday.

Ya'alon was speaking at a twoday meeting in Ariel organized by the council to discuss the future of settlements in light of the current situation, and to organize for the upcoming elections.

According to Yechiel Leiter, a spokesman for the council, Ya'alon said that Arafat has improved his ability to fight terror, because it is in his current interest that oo attacks be carried out.

"Arafat has made a tactical, not strategie, change," Leiter said after hearing Ya'alon's presentation. "His strategy remains the destruction of Israel."

Regarding Syria, Leiter quoted Ya'alon as saying that the Syrians do not have the capacity today to

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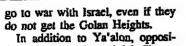
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tion representatives Ariel Sharon COMMUNICATIONS and Seifrom the Likud, Zevulun Hamence Minister Shulamit Aloni mer from the NRP, Rehavam yesterday boycotted a meeting of Ze'evi from Moledet and Doron Meretz's executive, which con-Shmueli of Tsomet as well as vened for the first time since her heads of the Golan Settlements announcement last week that she Committee met yesterday with would not contend for her party's the settlement leaders. Liknd leadership nor run on its Knesset head Binyamin Netanyahu could nnt attend the meeting, but sent

Meretz is looking for a way to keep Aloni active in the party and Sharon in his stead. The Council of Jewish Comprevent her from running her munities in Judea, Samaria, and own list in the next Knesset elec-Gaza ended its two-day meeting tions. . in Ariel yesterday with a resolu-The executive was to discuss tion calling upon the "oational Aloni's political position, but recamp" parties to meet and confrained from making any decisider running together as one

sions in her absence. Aloni said at a meeting with The council also called upoo political reporters that she decidthe public and the right-wing po-litical parties to rally around the ed not to attend the meeting becanse of the unpleasant atmocandidacy of Likud leader Binyasphere min Netanyhau, and said that it "I kept reading all kinds of

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There are also 10 days a year

when the entire cave is open only

will enlist its resources to further anonymous statemeots of party Netanyahu's candidacy. 'seniors' saying unpleasant things about me, and the meetings became unpleasant," she said.

> She stressed that she remains a member of Meretz, although she is being widely encouraged to form an independent list. She refused to elaborate on her plans, however, saying only: "You can be sure I won't be sitting at home doing needlepoint. My voice will be heard before the elections."

Winning cards and numbers

Meretz_

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Communications and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni addresses a forum on Palestinian refogees yesterday, sponsored by the 'Palestine-Israel Journal.' Alouf, who announced last week that she would not be seeking a spot on the Meretz Knesset list, boycotted yesterday's meeting of the party's executive, complaining that backbiting by party colleagues made such meetings 'unpleasant.'

Aloni said, however, that she legislation, discrimination; on the would address the Citizens Rights basis of origin, religion, and sex. Movement council on Sunday, Every amendment and by-law saying that "these are the people I have to answer to and they must coercion prevalent today. know what I think." The CRM is

"If this bill passes, we can say good-bye to our collective credo and all the rights in the Declaration of Independence, and turn . us to conquer the country. into a halachic, semi-Khomeinistic state."

Aloni also expressed fury at Meretz's and the political leadership's acceptance of the educational system that prochards Wood.

Rishon bank

robbers elude

Amir is no "wild weed," she said, "but the ultimate product of a certain education. At the end of will be subject to the religions elementary school, high school, and in the army, our youth receive a Bible. In 1990, the Bible already included a map of Greater Israel and God's order to Josh-

> "When did our youth ever get the Declaration of Independence as our collective credo?"

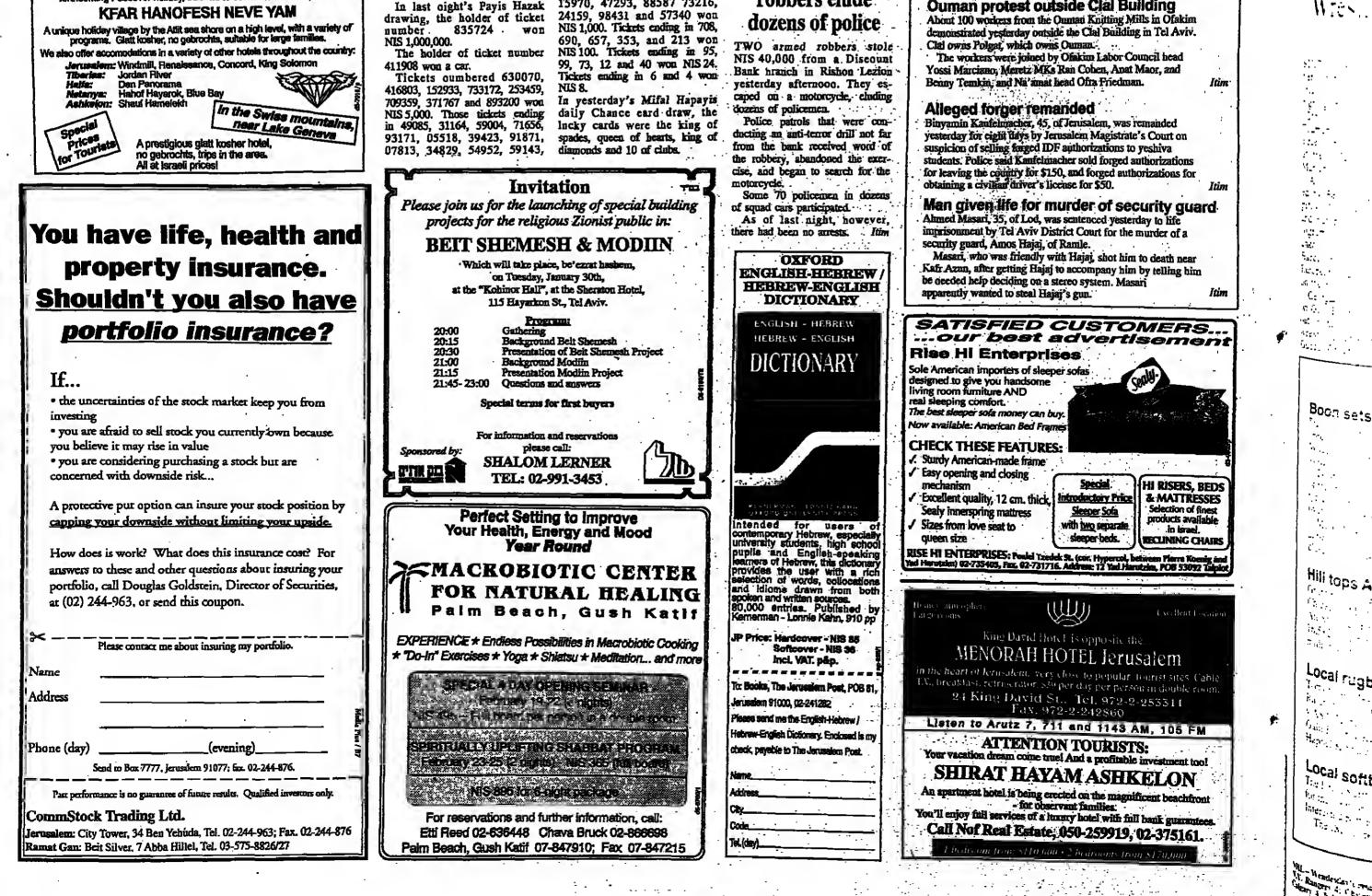
Aloni lambasted Meretz's leaders, who she said had dismissed warned of the chargers of this kind

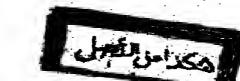
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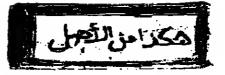
About 100 workers from the Ountan Knitting Mills in Ofakim

of education, noting that Amir himself said that he would kill babies and children in the conquest of the country.

Earlier this week, transcripts of Amir's interrogation by the General Security Service were brought to court and reported in the Hebrew press. Amir was quoted as saying "once something is a mitzva, there is no ques-. tion of morality. If I were conquering the country, I'd have to kill babies and children as it says in the Book of Joshna. I'd do it without any moral problem, "







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blood depends on medical con-siderations." This was decided

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an immigrants is destroyed be-



Ethiopian immigrants demonstrate ontside the Health Ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday. (TPPA)

Haggai Amir wants GSS evidence declassified

HAGGAI Amir yesterday asked the Supreme Court to declassify the information against him gathered by the General Security Service, arguing that he cannot defend himself without seeiog important evidence against him.

Attorney Moshe Meroz, representing Amir, said he does not object if the GSS's sources of mformation and methods of operation remain classified.

However, he said, it is essential that he know the contents of the informatioo. because otherwise, there is no way for him to question its validity.

No security reason, even the

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most weighty, is of more importance ... than the conviction of an innocent man," Meroz wrote, quoting a 1984 court verdict.

The information is particularly important, he said, because a significant component of Amir's defense will revolve around the role of GSS agent Avishai Raviv, the instructions he received, and the information he gave the service.

Precisely because of the public interest in this trial, it is important that justice oot only be done, but be seen to be done, Meroz added

Meroz also argued that it is unfair for his client, who faces a lengthy prison term if convicted. to be deprived of this information, when GSS officials will be allowed to make use of it in their defense hefore the Shamgar Commission, where the stakes are much lower.

Amir is being charged with conspiracy to kill prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, conspiracy to carry out terror attacks against Arabs, and illegally possessing and manufacturing arms.

Amir allegedly made the dumdum bullets-used by his brother, Yigal, to kill Rabin.

Adom as well.

The Ethiopian Jews who demonstrated yesterday against MDA and the Health Ministry on the grounds that they were "insulted" would have been wiser to hold a solemn protest at Ma'ariv. The newspaper forced officials to disclose what should have been kept quiet: that members of this community - who come from Africa where AIDS is endemic - are 50 times more likely to be HIV carriers than other Israelis. The

60,000 immigrants, 520 have if they return to donate again six been found to be AIDS carriers, a rate 50 times that of other Israe-

Ephraim Sneh at the conclusion Sneh declared that the existing of a meeting of his advisory compolicy of not rontinely using mittee on immuno-hematolngy, hlood from high-risk groups, including homosexnals and drug addicts, was justified. There is a The newspaper disclosed that "window" of time, between sevmost blood donated to Magen eral weeks and six months, during which antibodies to HIV are not distinguishable, but the percause of the relatively high rate of son can still infect others. The minister said MDA will

continue to freeze rare blood donated by former Ethiopian Jews;

immigrants themselves.

writing about this so as not to

months later and are still HIV free, the initial donation may be These policies will be assessed in a year on the basis of the latest

statistics. On the hasis of professional advice be received, Sneh said it is impossible to heat blood from high-risk donors in kill viruses. International regulations bar this, he said. In addition, plasma that

All donors, including those

entitled to a year's blood insur ance, Sneh said.

Demnastrations against MDA's "racist" policy were held yeaterday hy fnrmer Ethinpian olim and by Meretz youths at the Health Ministry and MDA'a central blood bank.

However, MDA blood services director Dr. Amnoo Ben-David. a member of the advisory committee, said this body provided full backing for the policy of not nsing the blood of high-risk group

MDA had chosen not to tell high-risk groups that their blood was not likely to be used "so as not to embarrass them," he said.

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turned out, included a former

Ethiopian immigrant as a test

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Health Minister Ephraim Sneh

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'Ma'ariv' report will stigmatize Ethiopian immigrants

COMMENT

JUDY SIEGEL

Health Ministry defends refusal

to use blood of Ethiopian donors

JUDY SIEGEL

MA'ARIV investigative reporter Ronel Fisher is to be commended for discovering a few months ago that the Tnuva dairy in Rehovot was adding an illegal silicnne compound in its long-life milk.

But his "revelation" on Wednesday that most hlood donations by Ethiopian Jewish immigrants are destroyed did a great disservice to this noble and long-suffering ethnic community. It was unfair to Magen David

them, the journalists did not endanger public health, as the likelihood of sexual contact between non-Ethiopians and Ethiopians is minuscule. The only other mode of transmission is blood transfusion - and MDA's policy of destroying most of their blood (except rare types, which are later re-checked) rules this out as well. Individoal Ethiopiao immi-

grants rarely go to an MDA branch to donate blood. The hundreds of donations from this com-

its hy soldiers. Should MDA have so did immigration officiala, health reporters and most of the singled out Ethiopian Jews from among the soldiers and told them to go home hecause they are at Health officials consistently high risk for AIDS? discouraged journalists from

No - just as bomosexuals and stamp the immigrants' with a drug abusers who identify them-'mark of Cain." By obliging selves as such aren't singled out and embarrassed.

Io every case, high-risk donors are given a year's blood insurance for their goodwill, even if their blood is not used.

MDA's refusal to use the blood for transfusions is not racist hut good public-health policy. Newspapers can be expected to uncover information using

about to begin.

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limits. According to MDA blood services director Dr. Amnon Ben-

Tzaban had the courage - in an election year - to criticize the powerful newspaper for its "scoop." Instead, they criticized MDA for "lying" to the immigrants.

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SIGNATURE

ERUSALEM IS AT STAKE

ARE WE GRADUALLY LOSING CONTROL OF OUR DESTINY?

There are ominous signs that discussions on Jerusalem are

Arafat's threats are not merely rhetoric.

of the rejected pint.

Sneh "solved" that problem by instructing MDA to insert a sentence in donor forms declaring that acceptance of blood dependsneaky tactics, but there are ed on medical requirements. In effect, this is only a comical.» change. The upshot of the affair , is the further stigmatizing of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants.

munity result from organized vis-David, Fisher told him he was medical establishment knew this; ירושליס המאוחדת בירת ישראל לוצת ם UNITED UNDIVIDED JERUSALEM, FTERNAL CAPITAL OF ISRAE, ם אואוחדת בירת ישראל לוצת Youth Aliya transfer finalized The leadeship of "We Are - reform will save \$60 m. All Yerushalmim headed by Charles Weinberg, Maurice Wohl David Fund,

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Rafi Friedan withdraws

petition to High Court

ACCUSED wiretapper Rafi meant solely to obtain evidence celed, after the justices made it clear that they considered the petition out of place. Friedan's petition was based oo the fact that the state used his partner. Ya'acov Tsur, to secretly tape conversations between the two and Friedan's lawyer, Mordechai Katz. Attorney Avigdor Feldman. representing Friedan, argued that it was illegal for the state not to have informed Friedan that Tsur had turned state's evidence, and that the tapes violated the rule of lawyer-client confidentiality. The entire process, he said, had damaged Friedan's chances of a fair trial. In response, the state argued that Friedan's rights were not damaged by the procedure, because none of the evidence gathcred in this way will be used against him. The tapes were

Friedau yesterday withdrew a pe-" against Ma'ariv publisher Ofertition to the High Court of Justice Nimrodi, who allegedly commis-·Sig 100 individuals and companies. Furthermore, the state said, lawyer-client confidentiality does not apply when a third person is in the room, even if that third persoo is a co-defendant in the case. However, Justices Shlomo Levine, Dalia Dorner, and Zvi Tal said there was no reason for them to rule on this argument, because it can still be raised before the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. The . lower court had rejected this argument initially on the grounds that it did not yet have enough facts to determine the justice of Feldman's claim, but said he could raise it again at the end of the trial. Furthermore, the justices said, they also lacked the necessary facts to rule oo the argument, even if there was in theory reason for them to hear the case.

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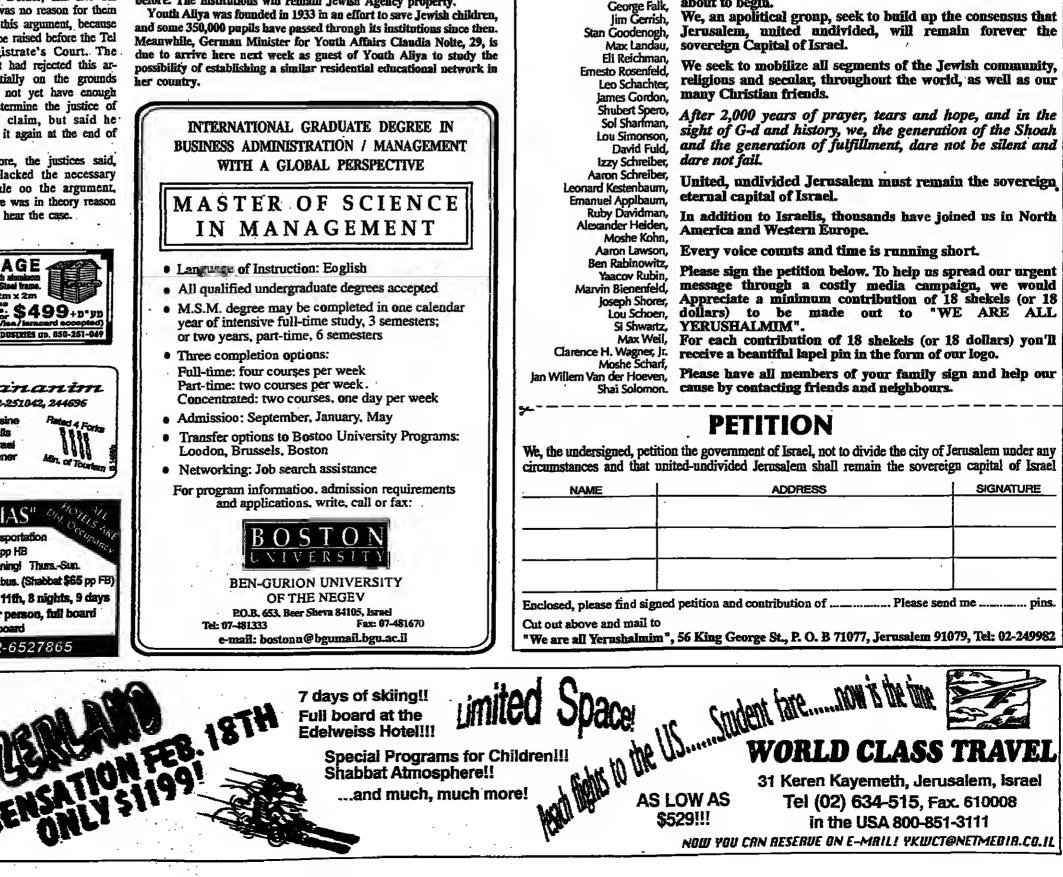
ARRANGEMENTS for the transfer of Youth Aliya from the Jewish Agency to the Education Ministry were finalload yesterday. The transfer is part of the reform program that will save the hard-

strapped agency some 560 million.

The reform, worked out with the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin shortly before the assassination, was approved in November by the agency's board of governors.

Yonth Aliya institutions will come under the aegis of the ministry's branch for rural educatioo as of September 1, and most of the workers will then become ministry employees.

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The election myth

THE elections for the presidency of the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Council seem to have become part of contemporary mythology. Their results, widely described as the happy outcome of a democratie process, have been hailed by everyone who counts, from Prime Minister Shimon Peres to former president Jimmy Carter and President Bill Clinton. Even jailed Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, despite the supposed Hamas boycott of the elections, congratulated Yasser Arafat on their success. They proved that Pales-tinian society was democratic, Yassin said. These sentiments were echoed on Wednes-

day by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who told the Knesset that the government views the elections as "a great success for the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat and the political process in general...The elections were in effect a referendum which approved the Oslo agreements, reinforcing Arafat's position and the democratic character of the autonomy in public opinion in Israel and the world."

But a preliminary report issued yesterday by the Palestinian Domestie Monitoring Committee (PDMC), an organization of Palestinian volunteers officially empowered to monitor the elections, casts doubt on the vote's validity. Like other observers, the PDMC cournerates irregularities, including cases of ballot boxes left unguarded, gone missing, or couoted without representatives of the candidates or other monitors heing present. These are confirmed also by the Israeli Peace Watch observers: "Reports of unsupervised ballot boxes and papers, and of incomplete or missing polling station protocols, are numerous and widespread."

But the Palestinian monitors add to these cases a fraud no other group has mentioned: in filling their hallots, illiterate voters were assisted hy relatives or agents of candidates who, as the report puts it, did not "respect the wishes" of the voters they were helping.

Had these frauds been isolated manifestations, they could have been attributed to the organizers' inexperience, inefficiency and confusion. But they fitted the pattern of manipulation and intimidation of both candidates and the press which characterized the elections through-

Criticisms voiced by the European-based organization "Reporters Sans Frontieres" conveyed the atmosphere in which the elections were held. The Palestinian press and radio stations, said the organization, failed to provide running coverage of the election story because they feared the Palestinian Police. Unlike the European Union's official observers, who spent a few days (mostly in the cities, not the villages) ensuring that voters could cast their ballots unmolested, the organization's representatives understood that what happened in the polling areas was only a tiny part of the story.

Confirming these charges, Palestinian human rights activist Bassam Eid said the suppression of journalists and human rights activists by the PA is "like it is in Iraq and Syria."

Regrettably, both Israel and the international community seem far less interested in the democratic process than in ensuring that Arafat's power is bolstered. But none of the post-election celebrants seems to wonder what it will be like for Israel to abut a police state "like Iraq and Syria."

Unleashed brutality

NE of the most disturbing aspects of the continuing Russian conflict with Chechfight against Russian dominance. nya is the way President Boris Yeltsin is

Those from the embattled liberal camp on the Russian political scene were equally sickened, not just hy the inept and brutal military action, but by the Soviet style political mendacity with which it was executed. Yeltsin and his officials were accused of deliberately avoiding a political settlement with the Chechen leadership, of breaking their word on earlier understandings with them, and of lying consistently about the aims and progress of the operation.

The terrorist act of the Chechen rebels in The destruction of Pervomayskaya to solve a The joker in the house of cards

TOR some months now, the Syrian issue has been buffeting the Israeli public between hope and despair. From dawn to dusk, reports are fol-lnwed by denials; "hreakthroughs" alternate with disappointments; and ministers compete with each other to issue contradictory statements.

Only Syrian dictator Hafez Assad keeps silent. Knowing the importance Israel attaches to signing agreements befnre the elections here and in the US, he abserves our scrambling with contempt. He sees Israel's resolve being eroded, its positions disintegrating one by one. And, versed in the details of Israel's proposals, he knows where our government is misleading the public.

Any political negotiations must matter to the citizens of the countries involved. Agreements between bitter enemies must matter even more. And when Israel is required to pay for an agreement by withdrawing to the June 4, 1967 lines and to recognize Syria's occupation of Lebanon, the negotiations must become top priority in everyone's mind. Respoosible people must demand answers to the following:

· The government presumes a peace treaty with Syria will bring peace agreements with additional Arab countries. Some wind mengovernment conditioned its egregious concessions to Syria on other countries signing pacts with Israel, or is Jerusalem simply wishing for this happy outcome?

armed forces? ready negotiating with Israel, and do their signatures only await . Syria's? We know the answer:

ARIEL SHARON

There is no such condition. And what will happen if, after we sign with Syria and make all

the concessions, the Sandis, or Yemenis, or the Gulf countries, pose other conditions, such as Isracli concessions in Jernsalem,

The desire to produce 'good news' before elections has led to sloppiness in dealing with Syria

gees, as Arafat is demanding?" And are Iraq and Libya included in the 21 states? If not, how will their rejection of the agreements be addressed?

· Syria's presence in Lebanon · codangers Israel. Has this goverment conditioned the withdrawal from the Golan Heights on the evacuation of Syrian forces from Lebanon?

· Has this government linked the IDF's withdrawal from the Golan (which I strongly oppose) to reducing Syria's military pow-er? In an evacuation from the Golan, Israel would lose exceptional strategic assets vitally important to its defensive capability. Would it not be wise and just to demand from the Syrians, in . return, that they reduce their of-

precedence over national

helieve that a democratically

elected government has no right

to respond. And here we can

thank onr government for this

misguided attitude, for both the

right and the left have been treat-

The problem arises when we

loyalties.

But it is this slogan that has been one of the main arguments for withdrawing from the Golan. How will a "political solution" with Syria affect organizations not dependent on Syria, such as the Palestinian terror groups in Lebanon, or the Amal Shi'ites, who have lately been intensifying their activities?

Syria's presence in sonthern Lebanon may become a barrier to any activity by us against those groups. Even today we find it difficult to strike at Hizbullah bases and command posts in the Bear's Valley because of the Syr. ian presence. Or does the government intend to prevent Syrian deployment in southern Lebanon? And, if so, who will prevent terrorism from there?

· Has the government demand-

ed that Syria eliminate the terrorist organizations there and in Lebanon as a coodition for continuing negotiations?

EARLY ELECTION

The Jerusalem Post

· Has it required that Svria return captured IAF navigator Ron Arad, and the other MiAs? Has it conditioned its willingness to withdraw on this?

· Has this government considered the moral issue of granting legitimacy to the occupation of Lebanon by Syria? Is this not a flagrant example of "ruling over another people," or is such injunction only needed to persuade lews to give up areas of their homeland essential for its exis-

tence as an independent state? . This government also preaches economic relations in the Middle East, including joint ventures on the Golan with Syria. Has it thought perhaps about a slow. withdrawal, in stages, conditioned on the development of economic relations between Israel and Syria? Perhaps the slogan should be: "The depth of the withdrawal will equal the depth of economic ties?"

Nooe of these questions has been asked by the government. Israel has made no demands of Syria. So overwhelming is its wish to retreat, to produce "good news" on the eve of elections in Israel and the US, that it lets sloppiness rule. Mismanaging the negotiations, endangering Israd's security, and gatabling on the funde of our-water resources, it is constructing a valuerable, perilous nouse of cards.

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The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

authorities. In the US, civil rights

workers and Vietnam protesters

were often victims of brutality.

cause of overzealous police reac-

We were also aware that there

could be violent reactions by oth-

er members of society who dis-

implies that the wretched slogan only a political solution can prevent terrorism fram Lebanon" - is less than valid.

for Hizballah's aggression. This and/or consent to the return of almost a million Palestinian refu-

Are the additional countries al- fensive capability by cutting their FOLLOWING the latest Katyushe attacks, the government loadly proclaimed that this time, the Syrians were not responsible

But a democratic state is expected to avoid actions bordering on open warfare in dealing with such a crisis. The Kremlin opted for using the maximum of brutal brawn and the minimum of brains in confronting the Chechen rebels. When the loudest praise for the unprecedented military assault on the village of Pervomayskava came from Vladimir Zhirinovsky, it should have generated alarm rather than satisfactioo in the presidential office.

allowing himself to drift towards appeasing the

lowest common denominator of political power-seekers in Moscow. Council of Europe par-

liamentarians yesterday lashed out at Russia for

its brutal policy of force against the Chechens as

the council debated whether to grant Russia the

taking hostages cannot, of course, be condoned.

membership it covers.

The enormous difficulty of handling such a major terrorist action is understood in Russia and abroad. Such understanding, however, did not give Yeltsin license for unbridled brutality. The only ones encouraged by the outcome of the conflict have been the Chechens. Publie opinion in Dagestan at first supported strong measures against the rebels, hut the wanton destruction wreaked on their village and the total disregard for the hostages turned them instead into sympathizers with the Chechen

hostage crisis mirrored the destruction of Grozny to end the Chechen rebellion. Neither operation solved the immediate problem, nor the long-term one. The Chechens released 45 civilian hostages Wednesday hut continue to hold around 60 Russian police and power workers. With gross insensitivity, Moscow has added to the disgust in Dagestan hy accusing hostages of collaborating with the rebels - based on no more evidence than the hostages' reports that the captors treated them well.

A year of destruction lies behind Russia's haodling of the Chechen crisis and an uncertain future with more of the same lies before it. The Russian leadership has failed to learn from Soviet history that sheer brutality as a policy is a recipe only for escalating disasters. Yeltsin himself defied tanks in the 1991 abortive coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. He cannot be surprised if the Chechens have learned from that a lesson about standing up to oppression.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

UNMITIGATED DISASTER

Sir, - This Sunday the cabinet has small country. it will rapidly inon its agenda one of the most important issues in the life of Israelis for the foreseeable future. It is an 11thhour rethink about Road Nn. 6, the Trans-Israel Highway. Permiis have already been grant-

ed, and huilding is about to begin. But there has been almost no public debate on a scheme that will change the face of Israel dramatically and inevocably, and some people and organizations are finally waking up to the fact that this road will be an unmitigated disaster.

The road is designed to bring commuters from Galilee and the south of Israel rapidly to the center. It is intended to be a highway with up to 12 lanes in some places, 26 intersections covering a total of 37,000 dunams with asphalt. There will be Los Angeles-style strip development along the 243-km road. Some 10 perceot of the land area of Israel will be affected hy the fallout from the road - destruction of nature, noise, dust, etc...

But the problem is not only the massive environmental deterioration that such a road will cause in a

ENCOURAGING EMIGRATION

service.

Sir, - I feel saddened every time I these difficult times, and I think the see the advertisement offering ad is sending a very wrong kind of 55,000 "green cards," especially when it is displayed on your front page (December 29). Should we be encouraging our citizens to regard the right to live and work in the US as some kind of wonderful prize?

I personally consider it a great privilege to live in Israel, even in Jerusalem.

crease suburbanization of the center of Israel. It will bring more people and mnre industry to the north, to Galilee, already affected by rapid industrialization. It will force even greater reliance nn cars for transport, marginalizing the public transport services even further.

The irony is that it may not even achieve what it set out to do. Research has shown that more roads encourage more cars and more car use. All the cars brought into the center by the new road will just pile np there, making it no faster to get into Tel Aviv than today. The road is planned at a time wheo European governments are realizing that they have made some grave miscalculations in assuming that the way to move people around the country and into the cities is by building more

roads. Instead they are attempting to restore public transport and initiate new high-speed rail links. **Dr. STEPHEN FULDER** Board Member,

Citizens for the Environment in the Galilee Mitzpe Abirim.

ion I have so far always valued very message especially to young people who are already susceptible to the lure of trips to the Far East and exotic destinations after their army

landless years? DVORA WAYSMAN

IDENTIFICATION TAGS Sir, - Israel police are deservedly renowned for problem solving. At the January 16 City Hall demonstration, the police were in splendid winter raiment. A lead police official said the required identification tags were not visible because they did nnt bave them for waterproof outer garments. Come now! Those coats could

have embedded name-tag holders. Even simpler would be for police to wear luminescent waterproof arm-hands with appropriate identification. Apparently their desire is to avoid required identification and, counter

to regulations and civil rights, they to regulations are succeeding. JOSEPH LERNER, Disartor, Director, Independent Media Review and

Analysis

Jerusalem.

BROKEN LAND

Sir, - In an amazing volte-face, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin told a Jarusalem meeting that a broken land and a whole people are better than a broken people and a whole land (News in Brief, January 2). Does Rabhi Riskin, whose opin-

much, not understand that there can be no "whole" people in a broken land just as there can't be a "whole" spirit in a hroken body? Has he forgotten how close we came to being a broken people in 2,000

Wembley Park, Middx.

And we call ourselves a democracy

DAVID FORMAN

N the America of the early 1960s, barely a week went by when I wasn't arrested for participating in some sort of protest rally. Whenever I went to join a demonstration against gov-ernment policy, I assumed that I might spend a night or two in jail.

Never once did any of my comrades-in-arms claim that either the state or federal government was violating democracy by prosecuting those of us involved in disruptive acts of civil disobedience.

Even at the height of the civil rights protests in the South, with all the rancid prejudice and violence that threatened civil rights workers, the legal right of the judicial system to arrest and prosccute us was not questioned.

Contrary to this understanding of protest, those in Israel who commit an illegal act do not expect to face the consequences of their actions.

Unfortunately, this is virtually endemic to Israeli society. Rap-ists receive minimal prison sentences; traffic offenders are back on the roads within hours of their violatinn; tax offenders go unpunished

Marenver, political leaders found guilty of grave vinlations of trust still occupy seats of power. Long after the Agranat Commission issued its devastating inquiry into the Yom Kippur War, Moshe Dayan found himself serving as foreign minister in Menachem Begin's government. Despite the Kahan Commissioo's condemnation of Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon for their failed and even deceptive role in the Sabra and Shatilla massacre, they are still figures to be reckoned with on the public scene.

We Israelis simply do not like having to take responsibility for out actions.

I accept as an absolute democratic principle the right to protest. I accord the same right to those in Yesh Gyul who refused to serve in the territories as I accord to those who would refuse to dismantle settlements. It matters links to me if their motivation R. WILLERS is based on moral conscience or religious belief. Both most take ed gingerly by the authorities when either side engaged in pub-We Israelis simply do not like having to take responsibility for our actions

lic demonstrations or acts of civil will do nothing to counter acts of disobedience. civil disobedicace, and the almost divine anderstanding that it

IT IS NOT too difficult to imag-ine what would happen in the US should do nothing, is unhealthy for the workings of democracy. if, during rush hour, at 10 differtween' citizens and their elected ent points on the beltway leading into Washington, burning tires halted all traffic. The government. government on controverslal matters that strengthens democwould call in the National Guard, racy. And that tension is expressed through legitimate proand protesters would be immediately arrested. During the Viet-nam War, those who refused to test and an equally legitimate ... governmental response. serve in the military were either arrested or fled the country. overreaction on the part of the

Such a same policy has simply not been applied here. Only a handful of Yesh Gvul members served time in military prison. Most were either shifted to other units, nr released. When rightwing protesters block major thoroughfares, holding the country virtually hostage to their demonstrative whims, only a scarce few get hustled into paddy wagons. There are never the mass arrests that defined the American protest movements.

Rabbis who clearly made inflammatory statements were never held acconntable, nor were settlers chastised for their provocative hehavior in the Arab market of Hebron. Moshe Levinger's four-month sentence for shooting an Arab shop-owner to death sent a clear message: "Do as you please, and expect to get away with it."

If one believes strongly in a particular cause, one should be prepared to go to jail for it. And

crowd our jails, evcateally poli-Many times we were arrested becics might be changed. That is precisely what happened in the tion rather than because of any '60s in the US regarding the civil legal violation of a particular rights movement and the Vietstate's law regarding public demnam War.

In Israel, the arrest of protesters is expected neither by those who protest nor those against whom the protest is directed. The expectation that our government

It is the tension that exists be-

The danger, of course, hies in

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agreed with our political positions. We expected the authorities to deal with those people. Too often, that was not the case. In fact, in some instances, the authorities instigated the violence.

onstrations.

And, while frequently having to attack the authorities on all levels, nevertheless, we understood that the very act of civil disobedience would most likely result in an arrest. We knew we were not above the law.

In Israel, this truth simply does not apply. Those who run the government and those who run the streets are equally to hlame for an undemocractic situation.

The writer is spokesman for Rabbis for Human Rights.

AS A FIRE killed his sister and cousin, Kenneth James was robhiog the home of next-door neighbors who were trying to. save them.

When the James house in Philadelphia erupted in flames, Don and Cynthia Stephens ran to help.

"I don't regret at all trying to help them," Mrs. Stephens said. "I'm just sorry he didn't think enough of his little sister and his cousin to not even care what was happening to them while he was robbing me."

As the Stephenses tried ansuccessfully to get into the burning house, James, 29, and a friend saw their open home and walked

"I've known Kenny since he was 14 years old," Mrs. Stephens said through tears. "He's done a. lot of stapid things in his life. But if enough people are willing to I didn't know he was so callous."

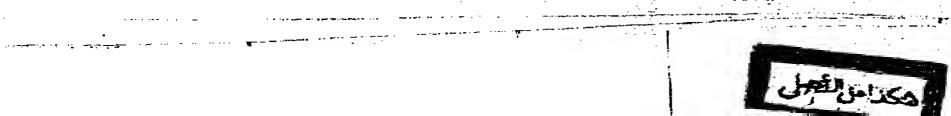
A MAN WAS abducted and kept in a suitcase for four days before talking his captors into releasing him hy claiming he wanted to join them in crime.

Jason Stanley, 21, was kept in a soft-sided suitcase while carried into Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas hefore being returned to Arkansas.

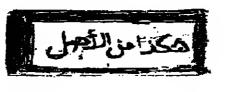
"He's about six-foot (1.8 meters), but he's got a slender build," Bentoo County, Arkansas, investigator Sam Blankenship said.

Stanley's stepfather was told to pay \$200,000 or provide 23 kg of marijuana to obtain his release. Stanley eventually talked his way ont of captivity and contacted authorities.

Stanley, who weighs about 70 kg, demoostrated for officers how he was stored in the suitcase, crawling into a fetal position.







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OPINION

Potent political card

HEN Freib Abu Me-dein, the Palestinian Autbority's Justice Minister, compared intifada claims to Holocaust reparations, Justice Minister David Liba'i said the entire Israeli public was

Indeed, the outrage seemed universal. But wby basn't Abu Medein or Yasser Arafat - or the US government - been reminded of Arab crimes against Jews?

It is relevant to recall that when the State of Israel was declared in 1948. there were approximately \$70,000 Jews living in the Arab countries of Asia and North Africa. Today, only about 20,000 re-main, largely in North Africa and Syria. They are remnants of illustrious and ancient communities whose history dates back more than 1.000 years before the rise of lslam.

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Of those who left following excesses perpetrated against them in the wake of the rising tide of radical Arab nationalism (mistakenly referred to as "fundamentalism," a Christian concept foreign 10 Islam), over 200,000 left for the Americas or other Western countries. The lion's share some 600,000 souls - came to Israel. Today, they and their progeny comprise close to half the population of the Jewish state (not including lews from Iran).

Was it hecause this transfer of whole communities took place when the tragedy that befell European Jewry was still fresh that the suffering of Jews in Arab lands left its impress neither in the contemporary annals of the Jewish people nor on the consciousness of the free world?

When the ma'abarot (transit camps) were erected to provide temporary shelter, similar camps were set up in neighboring Arab countries for the Arab refugees who fled this country. This should have been recognized for what it was; an irreversible exchange of popolations. The retention of the Arab refugees as political pawns should not have been tolerated by either Israel or the "enlightened" world.

MALKA H. SHULEWITZ Only 27 years after the first waves of Jewish refugees from

Arab countries landed on Israel's shores, an indigenous leadership developed to take up the cudgels of their cause, or so it seemed.

Twenty years ago, in the winter of 1975, the World Organization of Jews from Arab countries (WOJAC) held its founding convention in Paris. It was attended by 90 delegates born in eight Arab countries. The largest delegation hailed from Israel and was leo by Mordechai Ben-Porat, then deputy Knesset speaker.

THE ARABS' discomfort soon . became apparent, as it did on . lectured on it both here and many subsequent occasions. The

Why hasn't Israel or the US reminded Arafat or Abu Medein about crimes committed against Jews in

Arab countries?

Iraqi government placed large advertisements in major European newspapers inviting the Jews to return. On the first night of the convention a PLO press release, issued through Reuters in Beirut, was read from the platform. It called upon all Jews who had left Arab countries to "return and ex-" ercise their rights."

WOJAC's rejoinder termed the PLO message "a call to return to oppression, degradation and discrimination, as well as to the prisons of Syria and the gallows of Iraq.'

A hair-raising film, Dhimmis -To Be A Jew in an Arab Land; documenting the pogroms, mock trials, concentration camps and other suffering that was again the fate of the Jewish people's most 'aocient diaspora under Moslem rule, had its preview. Like the Israel Executive.

tribunal held at the 1986 conference in Washington, the film was given flesh and blood as witnesses

from the different Arab countries came to the podium to give evidence. They spoke of mass pogroms, of rape, torture and murder. No Arab country was

But the media wasn't much moved, not in Paris, Washington or Tel Aviv. Nor did a single Arab or breast-beating buman rights activist express sorrow at Moslem injustices to Jews. It had all happened so often before! Where were the governments

of Israel, Labor and Likud alike, that never made it an obligatory subject for Israel's diplomats and emissaries? Those of us who have abroad were always asked the same question: "Why haven't we been given these facts before?"

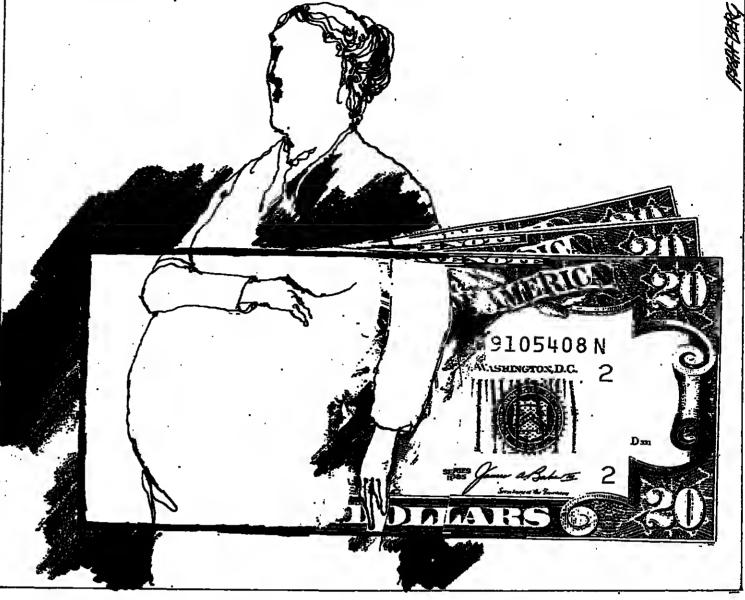
Why not indeed? Would they bave cast a shadow on a process that has become our main objective? How can there he peace without instice?

A small example: We gave back all archeological finds from Sinai to the Egyptians, but have been mable to secure the return of precious ancient Torah scrolls in the now empty synagogues of Cairo and Alexandria.

WOJAC's demand for a voice in the "peace process" was belatedly taken up by the Likud's negotiating team in Washington following the Madrid Conference. The present government, in discussing the return of Arab refugees who could undermine the shrinking Jewish state, hasn't played this potent political card, which represents a just cause.

Twenty years after WOJAC's foundation, it is time our government studied the facts compiled hy the organization and made them internationally known. Then, perhaps, not only the Isra-el public but Abu Medein and Yasser Arafat - and even the US government - will be shocked.

The writer is a founding member of WOJAC and serves on its



Nine months of exploitation

UPPORTERS of the health minister's hill on surrogate motherhood say that the state must legalize surrogacy because a couple's automatic right to parenthood ontweighs the tahoo on exploiting a person's hody, even with his or her

consent. Bnt a closer examination of snrrogacy reveals a clash with four enlightened social principles that have taken centuries to develop. These principles can be expressed in terms of four prohibitions: hnman experimentation; selling children; selling the parts of living persons; and slavery. Surrogate motherhood violates

each of these prohibitions. Bearing a child on behalt

RIVKA M. OLSHITZKY

belong to the couple.

If the hill permits "ordering" a pregnancy from a surrogate mother, with the egg being neither hers nor that of the woman who ordered it, why shouldn't the egg be declared the property of surrogate once she receives the

And why is the surrogate mother able to "sell pregnancy" to the infertile couple, when the woman who produced the egg

Legalizing surrogate motherhood

even to give hirth, can the courts prevent her from doing so? If she wants to get married, should that be forbidden? Suppose she wants an abortion - should she not be

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What if she desires to work in a field that could endanger the unborn child? Or desires to drink alcohol, or have sexual relations? The claim that a woman's opting for surrogate motherhood means a concession of her right to make decisioos regarding her body contradicts tradition. This elaim has been wrongly used to justify a shameful exploitation of human rights.

portunity for a woman to sell her ; freedom, to concede her inde-

and her uterus to the infertile couple, all in the name of the allowed one?

Surrogacy is basically an op-

ISTORY will not judge Shimon Peres and the Lother leaders of our time hy their successes or failures in relations with the Arab world, but rather by their ability to forge a sense of unity and purpose among Israelis.

The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the hitterness within Israeli society demonstrate that the threat to Zionism and Jewish survival from within is at least as great as that from without.

As the successor not only of Rabin, hnt also of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, and, most important, David Ben-Gurion. Peres has both the historic obligation and the opportunity to launch a revival of the Zionist movement and a redefining of its objectives.

Unless the political leadership is able to repair the damage and drift of the past three decades, whatever accomplishments are made in the peace process will be short-lived. If Israel is perceived as divided, lacking in purpose and resolve, and vninerable, peace agreements will be shredded quickly, and war will return in full force.

lronically, even if Peres's first priority is directed outward, to reach any lasting agreements with Syria or in the permanent status negoliations with the Palestinians, he will first have to focus inward.

Unfortunately, in the first three months following the assassination, Peres, as well as Haim Ramon, Ephraim Such, Yossi Sarid, and other political leaders bave focused in the wrong direction, and haven't even shown that they understand the problems.

This government has made negotiations with Syria and coordination with the PLO its first and exclusive priority. While obsessed with building a "New Middie East" and roads to link Tel Aviv and Damascus, Peres and his colleagues have ignored the fundamental problems faced by the Jewish people and Zionism at the beginning of the 21st century. (These issues have been left to Yehuda Aminal and Yossi Beilin, both ministers without portfolio.)

TO REVERSE the intolerance and divisions, the active leadership and parsicipation of the prime minister and other political leaders is required.

This does not mean that negotiations with Syria and implementation of the Oslo agreements should stop, only that Peres give

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GERALD M. STEINBERG at least equal priority to internal

That vital focus inward

Israeli and Jewish issues.

On this score, the alternatives proposed hy Binyamin Netanyahu and the Likud are no different. The leadership of the opposition is at least as fixated on the exteroal agenda as the government. Netanyahu's public statements, and the emphasis given to the renewed demonstrations against the peace process, do not demonstrate that much thought

Fixated on the external agenda, the major parties ignore the social and cultural chasms that divide Jews

has been given to the steps neces-

sary to restore national unity. Of course, responsibility for developing this national renaissance does not lie exclusively with politicians. It extends to educators, religious leaders, authors, artists, and even journalists. Working in parallel, these people have the ability to shape the national agenda. Here, there are a few signs of hope.

The religious and settler organizations have begun a process of self-examination, and, along with Peace Now, have acknowledged the importance of dialogue, mutual understanding, and construction of a common Israeli agenda. Some authors have started to explore the basis for restoring na-Gonal unity and a sense of purpose.

The key to this process is a revival of the broad-based and historic goals of Zionism. Although the remnants of the Jewish people have a physical and

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political home that is, for now, relatively safe, the Jewish renaissance sought hy Ahad Ha'am and many other founding fathers has barely begun.

For the past three decades, Israeli society has been dominated by a secular community that has heeo systematically stripped of any knowledge or interest in Jewish history or culture. At the same time, the smaller religious community has become exclusivist and messianic. To repair the damage and restore the common sense of national purpose, the two communities must cooperate in developing a viable Jewish culture and society. The responsibility for present-

ing and gathering support for this process lies with Israel's political leadership. The npcoming election campaign provides a unique opportunity for both Peres and Netanyahu, as well as members of the Knesset and other politicians, to demonstrate their ability to lead the Jewish people and Israel, and to bridge the social and cultural chasms that divide this country and threaten its future.

If these critical issues of national purpose and direction are ignored, and if the campaign is divisive and only increases the splits and intolerance, whoever wins will end up with a government, but without a nation to govern.

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infertile couple is a continuous medical experiment on the surrogate mother's body. The experiment includes cach stage of pregnancy. It starts from the hour the fertilized egg is implanted in the surrogate mother's uterus via a surgical process, and continues throughout the pregnancy, with constant examinations of the pregnancy's progress and the

woman's health. The pregnancy's effect on the surrogate mother's mental and physical health is also an experiment, since pregnant women undergo hormonal changes that vary in their effect on each wom-

· The birth is a medical experiment, as it is impossible to know in advance whether it will be a natural birth, or if a cesarian section will be required.

And if there is any danger during the birth, this raises a question: Who has the right to make a medical decision - the infertile couple, or the surrogate mother? Clearly, surrogacy tramples upon the prohibition against experimentation on human beings. even if they themselves agree to the experiment for the sake of

medical advance. Selling children, including infants only a few days old, is entirely beyond the pale. But autborizing surrogacy means authorizing the sale of children, because it legitimizes negotiating

an agreement in which the infertile couple receives from the surrogate mother a child which will

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would be a step back into a darker age

cannot sell it? For humanitarian reasons, selling parts from a live human being is forbidden even in cases where a woman, of her own free will, is ready to sell her cornea, kidney, or any other body part.

Yet legalizing surrogacy would permit trading in women's nteruses. It would become a business dealing.

Let's look at it from an infertile couple's perspective: They would be able to rent a uterus the way anything else can be rented; for the surrogacy agreement is a contract anthorizing the use of a woman's body for nine months of continuous service. As such, it enslaves the surrogate mother

turning to this kind of situation. Couples whom nature has prcvented from having children of their own can hire a childbearer. And it is almost certain that the women who, for a fee, will subject their bodies to the continuous experiment of pregnancy and

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birth on behalf of infertile couples will come from a lower socioeconomie elass.

The following questions shed light on issues surrounding surrogacy that the bill does not address - the surrogate mother's freedom and the basic rights of childbearing women - which could potentially cause far-reaching damage. If the surrogate mother wants

to go abroad for a vacation or

pendence. Such a hnital arrangement, which gives infertile couples the opportunity to have a child hy exploiting another human being's body, cannot and should not be legitimized.

If we don't want to wake np, in the 21st century, to a society that uses women as childbearing machines under the aegis of modern technology, we must remove this hill from the Knesset's agenda.

At the same time, we must find . a more humane, just and egalitarian way to alleviate the distress of childless couples - like encouraging adoption (from both here and ahroad), and simplifying adoption regulations.

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WORLD NEWS

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First NATO troops killed in Bosnia

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - NA-TO's commander said vesterday the alliance was doing all it could to ensure the safety of its troops in Bosnia after three soldiers were killed and a dozen hurt in a string of explosions.

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The casualties to the NATOled force implementing the Dayton peace accords underline the dangers to both military and civilians from unexploded munitions in post-war Bosnia.

Two Portuguese and an Italian were killed in an explosion late Wednesday evening at a former maternity hospital in Sarajevo being used as a barracks.

A Portuguese army spokesman in Lisbon told the Portuguese news agency Lusa that one of the soldiers had picked up a bomb while on cleaning duties and tak-en it back to the barracks where it exploded "due to mishandling".

Military analysts believe that millions of mines have been strewn across Bosnia during the bitter 3-1/2-year war and many of them have been placed haphazardly without any maps.

A NATO spokesman said an-other six Italians and a Portuguese were wounded in the blast. the worst incident since the Implementation Force (IFOR) began its operation to enforce last month's Bosnia peace

agreement. NATO Supreme Allied Com-mander George Joulwan said ev-erything was being done to en-sure the safety of the Atlantic alliance's troops in Bosnia.

"There are several things being done on the security side to ensure our forces take the necessary precantions," he told a news conference at the end of a visit to Moscow.

In a separate incident on Wednesday three members of the French Foreign Legion were in-jured, one seriously, during an explosives instruction session.

A French military statement said the accident was caused by a premature explosion" at the Rasalje camp five km south of Monnt Igman overlooking Saraievo.

Four Danish soldiers were slightly hurt on Tuesday when their Leopard tank struck a mine in northern Bosnia. They were flown by helicopter to a field hospital for treatment.

The British crew of a Warrior combat vehicle survived unhart when it ran over an anti-tank mine near Mrkonjic Grad in central Bosnia on Wednesday.

The crew were shaken but there were no injuries", military spokesman Steven Kilpatrick said in Gornji Vakuf. The road had been cleared but the Warrior apparently slipped off the edge. The track was blown off and three wheels were damaged.

Three children in Sarajevo were not so incky when they stepped on mines near buildings recently abandoned by Serb forces. One lost a foot and the others parts of their feet.

We wanted to see what is out there." 17-year-old Mnamer Brdie said as he and a friend were being treated in hospital. "There was nobody to stop us, only flags that said 'Mines'."

A US Congressional committee heard the danger to NATO peacekeepers from land mines was serious but manageable.

We deeply mourn the passing of our wife, mother and grandmother

LEA ROSENBAUM

daughter of Michael and Stefanl Traub

The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlor, Jerusalem today, Friday, January 26, 1996 (5 Shevat 5756), at 11 a.m.

The Rosenbaum, Ben Dor, Molho and Armoza Families

Shiva at the home of the Molho Family, 7 Revadim St., Arnona, Jerusalem.

COUNCIL of Europe parliamentarians of the lashed Russia for its use of force in Chechnya yesterday but leaned grudgingly towards voting a "yes" to Russian membership of the 38-nation As deputies in Strasbourg debated Russia's human rights record heatedly. President Boris Yeltsin pledged in Moscow that he would stick

to the path of political and economic reform. "I am not going to betray it," Yeltsin said. Economie reform chief Anatoly Chubais, pro-Western Andrei Kozyrev and Kremlin chief-of-staff Sergei Filatov were oasted in a shake-up widely seen as an olive branch to the

anti-apartheid exhibition.

communists, who have the biggest mumber of seats in parliament but no majority. The removal of Chubais, Yeltsin's leading reformer, shocked democrats and alarmed

Western investors. Yeltsin yesterday appointed industrialist Vladimir Kadannikov, the head of Russia's biggest cannaker, AvtoVAZ, to re-place Chubais. He is close to the more conservative side of the Kremlin's inner circle.

Ernst Muchlemann, the Swiss parliamentarian who wrote the keynote report recommending Russian council membership said: "The security of all of Europe is at stake." He warned that a "no" could make Russia turn aggressive against its neighbors.

The council's parliamentary assembly opened a daylong debate on Russia's applica-

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Council of Europe votes to let Russia in

Workers remove a painting of Hendrick Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid and the then prime minister of South Africa

(standing second from right) from the lobby of the old assembly wing of the South African parliament building in Cape Town yesterday. The painting and other icons of the apartheid era are being pat in storage and will be replaced by a UN

tion and planned a vote last night. A yes vote would make Russia the council's 39th member and mark a step forward for pro-Western forces in Moscow who want to involve the country more closely in European

A majority of the 263-member assembly seemed to agree it was better to admit Russia. despite its democratic shortcomings than to isolate it and lose the chance to encourage reform.

"To vote for membership of Russia is to vote for hope in Europe," Peter Schieder, an Austri-an Socialist, said during debate.

The assembly's three largest politicial groups -Socialists, Christian Democrats and Liberalsplanned to vote for Russian membership, making it likely the Rossian application will get the required two-thirds majority.

But some assembly members, including most of conservatives and delegations from the old Soviet states of Latvia, Estonia, Lithmania and the Ukraine, planned to vote no:

Hallgrim Berg, a Norwegian Conservative, described Russia as "a country where human rights are violated every day" and said Russian membership would send the council's high prin-

Britain, Ireland at odds over Ulster poll plan

ciples "down the drain."

The council has made a priority of admitting . countries of the old Eastern bloc to encourage democratic reform. Russia would become the 15th former communist country to join.

President Boris Yeltsin and other Russian leaders have appealed to the body to consider Russia's recent progress and to give reformers a boost.

Rejection, Yeltsin said in a statement, "will be interpreted as a refusal to support those who struggle for the establishment of democratic principles and democratic institutions in

He promised Russia "will stand firmly on the principles of democracy and human sights," though he conceded his country "still has a lot to do" in those areas.

Russia applied for membership in the council in 1992. But negotiations were suspended last February after the council protested Russia's use of force in Chechnya. Negotiations resumed in October.

In joining the organization, mations must pledge to obey the council's 1950 European Convention on Homan Rights, which entitles their citizens to bring suit in the European Court of Human Rights for civil rights abuses. Nations also must accept more than 100

council-monitored international accords on topics ranging from sports to animal welfare.

China coy on threat to Taiwan

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BELIING (AP) - China refused yesterday to rule out a military strike against Taiwan and declined comment on a report that it has planned a specific attack. Foreign Ministry spokesman Chen Jian renewed warnings to Taiwa to stop provoking China by promoting its independence. China's Communist Party lead-

ers have pledged to use force if necessary to retake Taiwan.

Chen did not repeat the threat, but, in response to reporters questions, he implied the option remained. Several times he refused to offer explicit assurances that an attack would not be launched.

"If the Taiwan authorities stick obstinately to their wrongful position, the interests of the Taiwan people will be harmed in the end. but again I refuse to make any

speculation," Chen said. A report published Wednesday in The New York Times stirred the latest wave of rumors about China's intentions, pushed the dollar higher against the Japanese yen and caused Taiwan's stock market to fail 1.47 percent. According the report, China's military has plans for limited ac-tion against Taiwan - perhaps conventional missile strikes - if President Lee Teng-hui does not stop his moves to raise the is-land's international stature.

The report, based on a meeting China specialists had with US National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, also said the military tried to sound out Washington's inten-tions in the event of an attack.

Time runs out for Utah child-killer

DRAPER, Utah (Renter) - Barring a last-minute appeal or re-prieve, convicted child-tiller John Albert Taylor was to face a fiveman firing squad today, the first to do so in the United States since Gary Gilmore in 1977.

Taylor, 36, sentenced to die for the 1969 rape and munder of 11-year-old Charle King, has admitted burglatizing the King apart-ment but has maintained his unocence in the nurder.

Death penalty opponents worked fevenishly yesterday in hopes of stopping the execution scheduled at five minutes after midnight. Taylor was moved to a special cell where he was isolated from other prisoners and put un-

der a 24-hour watch.



To the family, Our sincerest condolences on the death of

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a memorial service and the unveiling of the tombstone will be held today, Friday, January 26, 1996 (5 Shvat 5756) at 11:00 a.m., at the cemetery, Rehov Pinsker, Herzliva.

The Family

don and Duhlin yesterday as the Irish government reacted with dismay to British Prime Minister John Major's proposal that elections could offer a new path to peace in Northern Ireland.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, Major's partner in the search for peace, complained that he had not been consulted in advance about the idea, which he said could be interpreted as threatening an agreed timetable for a political settlement.

"That will create distrust, per-haps unjustifiable distrust, but distrust just the same," Bruton told the Council of Europe parliamentary assembly in

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who was involved."

and movie actor.

Simpson said.

would mourn her death forever.

BOGOTA (AP) - A defense law-

yer claimed yesterday that Colom-

was used in his election bid, he

planned the illegal contributions.

The latest allegation in Colom-bia's political crisis goes farther

than comments earlier this week

by Fernando Botero, Samper's

1994 campaign manager: He said

only that Samper knew the Cali

cocaine cartel had donated mil-

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - In his first TV interview since the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, O.J.

Simpson sought to win back the bearts and minds of America, imploring viewers to believe he is not a

killer but telling them: "If yon don't like me, leave

"I did not commit those murders," Simpson said. "I couldn't kill anyone, and I don't know of anyone

He landed his slain ex-wife Nicole Brown Simp-

son as a great mother and "next to my mom, my most favorite person on this Earth." He said he

In the live, hourlong interview with Black Enter-tainment Television's Ed Gordon, a composed but

sometimes emotional Simpson made an impas-

sioned plea to the public to accept his acquittal. He

He reminded the audience of several million about the old O.J., the football hero, sportscaster,

"I was gracious to people. I like to think that I was

modest, and I've worked my butt off for what, 20

years, to attain a certain wealth, and it's all gone,"

also expressed anger at relatives of the victims.

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LONDON (Reuter) - A damag- Spring said earlier elections could peace talks after Mitchell bluntly Major, defending his proposal, ing tift opened up between Lon- lead to a dead end and chided told him that his preferred option said talks could start right away if Major for ignoring other proposals put forward by former US senator George Mitchell.

Bruton and Spring did not reject out of hand elections as a way of building confidence between the province's pro-British Protestant majority and its Catholic, nationalist minority.

Mitchell had cautioned that an election would have to be broadly acceptable and with an appropriate mandate.

"Our worry at the present time is that these conditions will not be met and the election idea could. prove to be a cul de sae," Spring . Major plumped for an elected all-party forum as the route to

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and Ms. Simpson's estate.

trial

"Of course, it was Samper who

"Only two people on the campaign

had that power, Samper and Bo-

The scandal has prompted calls

for Samper's resignation from stu-

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lions of dollars.

told him that his preferred option - partial disamament by the IRA and rival Protestant guerrillas leading to round-table talks - was a non-starter,

Mitchell, heading a threemember mediating team, recom-" mended instead that the guerrillas, who fought a 25-year civil tic, nationalist minority. But they noted that in a report months ago, should hand in some weapons while talks take place. To the fury of nationalists, Maior rejected Mitchell's compromise, saying it would not find favor with Protestant politicians. Protestant parties, however, have said they may be prepared to negotiate with nationalists in an elected body, even if the Irish. Republican Army continued to refuse to disam.

said talks could start right away if the IRA and its political wing, Sion Fein, would agree to scrap guerrilla weapons. "If they will begin the decom-

missioning of their arms there would be no justification for any party not to attend and join in allparty talks," Major told parliament.

Asked whether there was now a serious dispute between Dublin and London, Spring said: "Well, I think there's a problem, but in the past the two governments have worked together and we've done so successfully to make progress."

Britain and Ireland launched a joint initiative in December 1993 to try to bring peace of Northern Ireland.

Visits from family were to end last night and attorneys will have to leave 50 minutes before the execution, Department of Corrections spokesman Randy Ripplinger

But he said Taylor "can virtually up to the last minute" seek an appeal in a federal court system and a federal judge will be standing by. All state appeals have been exhausted.

Lawyers against the death penalty are hoping Taylor will have a change of heart and are standing by in case he does.

Taylor has requested a pizza with everything on it for his last meal and a pack of cigarettes has been bought for him. Ordinarily Utah prisoners are not allowed to smoke.

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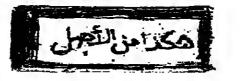
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said in a statement."



Friday, January 26, 1996 FEATURES Shula blew it, and she did it her way

Aloni's announcement that she's stepping down as Meretz leader may mask a downfall like that in classic tragedies, Sarah Honig writes

ommunications Minister Shulamit Aloni - on paper still Meretz's No. 1 vowed that she is not quitting politics and is not going home to cro-chet doilies. This despite the fact that she dropped out of Meretz's race for the next Knesset. But in Meretz they say they are

The Jerusalem Post

ina coy

not so sure that this is really so. The popular line is that Aloni really is going home, though no one believes she can crochet. Her pledge to carry on the struggle for the cause is seen as mostly bravado to cover up for failure. In Meretz, they prefer to think that Aloni is just putting up a front but will not set up a new party to compete with Meretz in the niche she argues exists to the left of Meretz, between it and the Hadash Communists.

But while her erstwhile colleagues in Meretz engage in psychoanalyzing their embittered leader and explaining wby she cannot risk a new political venture, they reveal a bit of their own psychology: they are dreadfully afraid of Aloni. Even if she does not wipe Meretz out, as she probably can t, she might hack away enough support to lower the already dimmed prospects of what in 1992 was the shining star on the leftist margins of the political firmament.

Today not only the polls are inauspicious. The Meretz membership drive, despite its extended deadline, is far from being a runaway success. Half the registered members come from Mapam kibhutzim, and it's hardly Meretz's goal to be no more than a glorified version of the diminutive Mapam. So in Meretz the wishful predic-tions are that there won't be any fire despite so much smoke, that Aloni's implied threats are empty and that she is bowing out of pol-itics - shert not so gracefully. itics - albeit not so gracefully.

ONE MERETZ MK, speaking in politically incorrect and unbecomingly sexist terms, took the unkindest cut when telling the Post that "after all, this is a question of age. Look at Shula's pic-tures from the time she was a fire-brand in the 1960s and '70s, a real thorn in Golda's side.

"She was refreshing on the Israeli political scene crowded with old men.

"She was a young checky dish, very easy on the eyes. But the Aloni who appeared on TV to announce her decision to in effect Jeave Meretz, was an old woman despite her best makeup efforts. It almost hurt to look.

The march of time is inexorable and what happened was unavoidable, though the style of her departure could have been different. But that's characteristically Shula.'

The MK continues, "Shula will not be all that missed in Meretz. She has done her job here and, cruel as it may sound, her useful contribution is over.

"[Her departure] will not be so much of a loss to us as [it will be] to the political right and to the religious parties. They will rue the day that she left politics. No one ever furnished them as much



As a firebrand in 1961 (right), she wowed them, but even her disciples complained about her inability to change as a minister. One, Yossi Sarid (above), challenged ber leadership. (Istar Harari)

ammunition as she did and the likelihood is that no one ever will."

Such words from within Meretz highlight Aloni's downfall, perhaps ber personal tragedy. For those who only a few years back regarded her as their mentor to almost say "good riddance" indi-cates that in her often misplaced fervor, Aloni had become an embarrassment to ber own party and increasingly a liability.

In near consensus, political observers in recent days ascribed this to Aloni's inability to adjust herself to the establishment of which she had become a part. Thus Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban (who is quitting too but without rancor) argued, "Shula's is an opposition mentality. Her mindset is such that she can't reconcile herself to a situation in

which she is part of government and not railing against it. She can't abide the pragmatism which Meretz had to practice as a party of government."

THAT THERE is some merit to this perception is doubtless. But there is more. Meretz is a party of Aloni's making. In 1973 she founded the Ciozen's Rights Movement, an irreverent, militant breakaway faction from Labor. It was a one-woman creation and remained so. Even in the early days, Aloni did not gladly suffer competition within. Her CRM went on to become the mainstay of the three-way coalition which comprises Meretz. The CRM was

Meretz's only vital component. The Marxist Mapam relied on Hakibbutz Ha'artzi support and was a vestige from the past. It had

spent 23 years in alignment with Labor and barely survived on its own. At the other end of the Meretz spectrum were the freeenterprise liberals of Shinui, also relics, in this case from the defunct Democratic Movement for Change. They certainly had no political viability.

But Aloni saw the party she formed and nurtured stolen from under her by a Yossi-come-lately. Yossi Sarid, who climbed on the already established CRM bandwagon in 1984, was a defector from Labor. At first Sarid appeared altruistic and satisfied to be Aloni's sidekick.

Reminiscing about those days, Aloni now notes that "already a decade ago people had warned me about Yossi. People told me to watch my back. Perhaps I was too naive, too trusting," she muses.



"As it turns out, he wasn't a men-

She apparently did not protect her rear and found interloper Sarid amassing more and more clout in her party. When the Labor govern-ment was formed in 1992, Sarid was the one who actually felt betrayed. He was given no portfolio and he sulked in a manner far from the altruistic image he likes to project. He claimed he was "abandoned wounded on the hattlefield."

IT WAS then, say Meretz pundits, that Sarid began undermining Aloni with no holds barred. And she afforded him perfect opportunity. Her penchant for volubility and provocative utterances united the religious parties as never before. She chose to lash out at a schoolgirl who, after visiting Majdanek, said she was proud of the Israeli flag. She took prime minister Yitzhak Rabin to task for saying Shma Visnael at the end of his address at the Warsaw Ghetto memorial. And that was only the beginning.

Even in Meretz these were seen as gratuitous outbursts that served no sensible purpose. Shas clamored for Aloni's dismissal from the Education Ministry and Rabin

was fuming. The more untenable her situation became, the more abrasive and abusive her tone. She lost the coveted education portfolio, and, on the coattails of her own personal folly, the wounded Sarid was extricated from the battlefield and awarded the environment portfolio.

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Sarid is a master communicator and had steadily become the one to whom the press went for reac-tions and for Meretz's viewpoint. From the sidelines of her minor ministry, Aloni wistfully watched him enter the negotiating team with the PLO and come as near to being Rabin's pal as one could.

Sarid emerged as one of the cabinet members closest to the center of power, while Aloni receded further and further into the background, occasionally shattering her political doldrums with another volley of ill-considered words. Her pronouncements in fact waxed shriller and more extreme as her political isolation mounted. They were all that won her brief media attencion.

Privately her disciples told reporters they wished she would learn that silence is golden. They now viewed ber as a problem. If Aloni's suspicions of Sarid could at first be ascribed to paranoia or envy, it became clear that she indeed had something to fear. Rumblings materialized into an outright challenge by Sarid for the party leadership.

IT WAS a challenge that Aloni could not meet. Her only recourse was to avoid the showdown altogether. despite embellishing her move as one borne of her party's failure to crusade for civil rights.

"Shula is like the classical tragic bero whose own traits, those which raise him to his remarkable greatness, are also the very ones which inevitably pull him down," opines the unkind Meretz MK. Tragically, without Shula's own active help, it would not have been possible for Yossi to usurp her party from her She has only herself to blame."

Fuad plows his way through the Labor hierarchy

THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

NE Labor candidate at least has been quietly forging a clear pathway to the top of the party's Knesset list - Housing Minister Binyamin (Fuad) Beo-

tory place on the list. He is waiting for Prime Minister Shimon Peres to appoint him head of the election campaign. He cites an agreement on this with Yitzhak Rabin, whose assassination shuffled the cards for many Labor people.

Fuad wants more than a satisfac-



view that if he makes the Knesset. he will have to leave all that beauty and glamor stuff to his wife, Jacqueline.

There are issues he deems no less important: the woes of small businessmen and shopkeepers, taxi drivers and others paying what they

and those tricked into fatherhood by evil female sperm-thieves.

Meshulam supporter, singing that Internal Security Minister Moshe "Some people haven't yet heard of the condorn." said some sarcastic Shahal should be hanged,

MKs. No, it's responsibility for one's actions they haven't heard of, retorted others (of the female gender).

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Another youth group appeared at the Western Wall to hand out hate literature against the world's most evil man - Shahal, of course. Theyoungsters sported red shirts with

"Remember the Judenrat."

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Plowing his way through the country, Fuad has carved an impressive, straight furrow through the minds of Labor activists, mayors and MKs. This is especially apparent in the open plains of the central region, from Gedera to Rishon Lezion. Fuad's pulling power was underscored by a mass gathering near Rehovot last Saturday.

Yet, on the flatlands Fuad is running neck-and-neck with other candidates, except in the Arab sector where he stands head and shoulders above every other challenger. Earlier on Saturday, he hosted a cathering of hundreds of Arab leaders in Arara, and was practically smothered with love.

Sheikh Ra'ad, the leader of the Islamic movement, called on everyone to vote for Fuad. The elections in the Palestinian Authority were in full swing, but nobody in Arara was bothering with them. Fund, not Abu Amar, was the man of the moment. What gripped them all were the significant advances in their villages since 1992, improvements they unanimously antibute to Fuad.

Rabin's right - an attractive stance for centrists seesawing betweeo Likud and Labor. In all his speeches, Fuad makes

ruad's position was slightly to

sure no one forgets his goal of developing metropolitan Jerusalem, which means building thousands of homes around the capital. Interior Minister Haim Ramon

was once considered a natural for campaign leader. But sources close to Fuad contend that Ramon can only preach to the already converted; be cannot bring Labor the prize of voters from the right.

Nor should Fuad's popularity among Sephardim be overlooked. They see him as one of their own. This is tough competition for Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli and Public Security Minister Moshe Shahal, who also covet the campaign leader post.

Fuad is pushing for early elec-oons, believing that Labor should cash in its credit with the public, regardless of talks with Syria. He is convinced the elections will be advanced to May or even earlier.

BEAUTY CONTEST

Uzi Meshulam (1) continues to wreak havoc, even from his luxury cell; Ben-Eliezer wants to head Labor's election campaign.

SAR Academy

The beauty of elections, some think, is in the eyes of the beholder. So a new crop of faces is giving them something to behold. Take new Labor hopeful Avigdor

Lichtenstein, the local glamor-world hair designer who thinks be can improve Israelis' internal as well as external beauty.

Lichtenstein is convinced his fans can outvote those of MKs Eli Ben-Menahem, Yoram Lass and Gideon Saguy, former MK Michael Bar-

Zohar, Yossi Sperling, Ron Huldai and other squares in the Tel Aviv

"All the models and beauty queens say I'm the leading power in the district," he gushed for all the beautiful people who may have missed his pledge to lower taxes. Some "beauty queens" have assured him they registered as Laborites only to support him in the primaries.

Lichtenstein did admit in an inter-

DISTORT EXCESSIVE DAXES. However, even as a Knesset member, darlings, he will always be just one of the people, "the barber

everyone knows."

What a great asset to the Knesset Lichtenstein could be. If he takes a stab at the peace process, a free coiffure for Arafat or Assad could clinch a close deal and do wonders selling their new image to Israelis. And MKs will always have a blowdry expert handy before those Channel 33 House cameras roll in. Eat your heart out, David Levy.

WIMPS PARTY

Ah democracy! At election ome, Britons get the Monster Raving Loony Party for light relief from the serious stuff. Not to be outdone. Israelis are coming up with a party for hattered men, for those poor lads whose wives refuse to divorce them so they can marry their mistresses,

is sure it will get five mandates. And, just as MK Yael Dayan fights for women, his party will battle for putting seven of Meshulam's folthe victimized men no one takes lowers who share his prison "suite" seriously when they complain they are being beaten by their wives.

PRISON AUTHORITY

Self-ordained "rabbi" Uzi Meshulam convinued to demonstrate you don't have to be free to spread terror and play havoc with the security forces.

From his prison cell - boasting a sleek air conditioner, washing machine, clothes dryer, massage bed, etc. which would be the envy of many a summer camp - he continued to make trouble.

At the beginning of the week, a group of Haifa children swapped school for the greater fun of donning yellow patches and, led by a

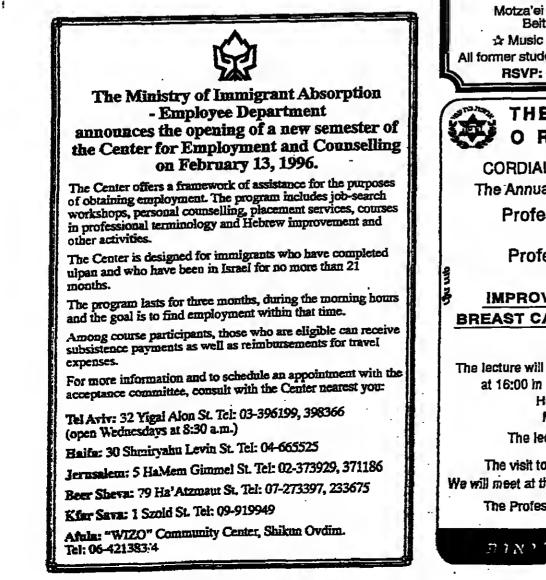
into solitary confinement for being rude to a prison officer. However, the troublemakers were allowed out of solitary "only" for prayers and meals "so they could eat and pray together." Needless to say, they managed to make these

bearing the

At last, the authorioes acted,

activities last most of the day. The prison authorities were ordered to investigate the shenanigans and whether the Meshulamites are enjoying benefits denied lesser prisoners.

The prison authorities? The same who bestowed the privileges on Meshulam and ridiculed media accusations that they had done so? Maybe "prison authority" Meshulam should be asked to head the investigation.



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Officials look to correct aid 'anomaly'

A web of regulations complicate efforts to aid survivors who waited behind the Iron Curtain for compensation, Marilyn Henry reports

ogether in Kiev. Haya and Bayla survive the Nazi occupation of the Soviet Union. Then, trapped behind the Iron Curtain, they miss the dead-line to file for Holocaust reparations from the West German govemment.

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When new compensation funds become available, the injustice will be compounded, because the difference between Haya and Bayla will be 4.000 deutsche marks.

Haya leaves Kiev for Tel Aviv or New York. She applies for compensation from a special German restitution fund for Nazi victims that Jewish negotiators have managed to open and keep open for more than 15 years. She gets DM 5,000.

Bayla stays in Kiev. She applies for compensation from another German-financed fund, one that was created in 1993 and that gives her, perhaps, DM 1,000.

"Historic anomaly," says Stuart Eizenstat, the US envoy to the European Union and the US State Department's special envoy for property claims in Central and Eastern Europe.

There are teos of thousands of Hayas and Bnylas. "What worries me is that those

who emigrate to Israel from the same ghetto get more than those who stay," said Tatvana Zhvanetskaya, a survivor of the Minsk Ghetto who works for the Moscow Organization of Jewish Former Victims of the Holocaust.

Relief officials are struggling mightily to assist those who stav. From day one, in the early 1950s, there have been restrictions on German compensation. It was limited to victims of Nazi persecution who were German nationals, former German nationals, stateless persons or refugees. according to the Conference of Jewish Material Claims against Germany, known as the Claims Conference.

When then-West Germany passed its basic indemnification law for Nazi victims, many European Jews were ineligible. A French Jew who was deported to a concentration camp and returned to France after the war would not meet the criteria. He was neither a former German national, nor a refugee or stateless as a result of the war.

Bonn then entered bilateral agreements with the Western European states that had come under Nazi occupation and gave these governments lump sums for paymeous to local victims of Nazism.

became eligible for compensation programs only when they left the Eastern Bloc, although many were not permitted to emigrate.

When mass emigration from the Soviet Union began in the 1970s, many survivors were among those coming out.

But there was a catch on compensation. By then, the deadline for filing a claim under the West German indemnification law was long past and Bonn was unwilling to reopen it.

Instead, in 1980, West Germany and the Claims Conference established the so-called hardship fund for Nazi vicoms who had received no compensation earlier. They would receive a onetime payment of DM 5,000 (today worth about NIS 10,000) which has remained

The German government initial-ly provided DM 400 million for the fund, estimating that there would be 80,000 positive claims. However, the number was much higher. More than 134,000 claims have been approved; more than half of those to people in Israel. Tens of thousands are uoder review, and new claims are still being filed, according to the Claims Conference. Of every 1,000 emigrants from

the former Soviet Union, between 80 and 100 were victims of the Nazis, according to Saul Kagan, the executive director of the Claims Conference.

The Hayas are in that group.

BAYLA WAS still in Kiev after the Soviet Union collapsed. Her ability to get compensation rested on one of four bilateral agreemenus the unified Germany entered to provide some compen-sation to all Nazi victims.

Germany contributed DM 1 hillion in 1993 to three of the successor states to the Soviet Union. the "Foundation for Uoderstanding and Reconciliation." Ukraine and Russia each received DM 400m,

and Belarus. DM 200m, to compensate Nazi victims within their borders. The fourth bilateral agreement

was with Poland, and included DM 500m. in 1991 for the. "Foundation for German-Polish Reconciliation. This is the historic anomaly:

survivors of the same circumstances getting different compensation.

The country of origin made no

ment they were in ghettos between 1941 and 1944 can get onetime compensation from the German-financed foundation. The payment is based on a for-

mula that hinges on how much time was spent under occupation, with those who were younger than 18 at the time getting more than those who were older. The range is from 400 to 1,360 marks. Zhvanetskaya said, speakiog through an interpreter. Those who were in hiding get

nothing precisely because they cannot document it.

KLARA VINOKUR of Kiev. won't refer to the funds as compensation. Vinokur, the secretary of the Babi Yar Memorial Fund. calls it onetime humanitarian aid from the German-financed fund. Ukrainian Jews who were in ghettos or concentration camps get 900 or 1,000 marks, depending on their age at the time of the occupation, she said.

Demographers estimate that by the end of the century there will be 350,000 Jewish pensioners in the former Soviet Union. The Baylas - the victims of Nazism are among the estimated 170,000 who will need help at the end of the century.

There are no people in the Jewish world who are more in need than elderly pensioners in the former Soviet Union, relief officials say.

They have a diet of one pound of bread a day and nothing else," said Michael Schneider, executive vice presideot of the Joint Distribution Committee. In the Soviet system, people ate.

But the transition from communism to free market wiped out the social safety net, which wiped out the pensioners' security. At first, the problem was masked as pensioners relied on savings to sustain themselves. Then they began to sell their possessions until they

had nothing left. Jews were especially hard hit because they were unlikely to have relatives who had access to food from collective farms, Schneider said.

Field workers would finesone? desperate pensioner, who would, direct them to two others, "whowould direct them to still others. Individual assistance is not available through the Claims

Conference. Payment is restricted to that from the foundations that are financed through Germany's



est way would cost \$20m. a year,"

Auschwitz Germany is to cele-.

brate its first Memorial Day for

That is seen as a good - if sym-

Zhvanetskaya, press for more aid."

Zhvanetskaya took her case to

the World Jewish Congress this

week, seeking outside interven-

tioo for more funds for survivors

which is scheduled to close at the

In other countries, questions are

continually raised about additioo-

al compensation for survivors, she

said. "But in Russia, nobody dis-

Eizenstat is to travel to Bonn

And there is the Claims

There are still needs," said

Rabbi Israel Miller, its president.

'And we keep going back."

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Brush with death at Beit Lid

Ivan Shani, 51, recounts to Margot Dudkevitch how he helped the wounded at the Beit Lid bombing a year ago.

Time: January 22, 1995; 9:20

Place: Beit Lid Junction.

was driving with some colleagues to attend a weekly eminar at the Pardesiyah Psychianic Hospital My car had been causing prob-

lems and the motor would often cut out.

I stopped at the traffic light, and suddenly there was this terrific blast followed hy an eery sort of silence. The light changed and my car stalled. A few seconds later, my car restarted and I pulled up to the prison and parked.

Confusion reigned, there were people yelling. We jumped out of the car and raced toward the kiosk, where an explosion had occurred.

About 25 meters from the kiosk, a second explosion went off. It blew one of my friends off of his feet. My ears were ringing. Someone shouted to us, warning us not to come closer in case there was another bomb. I hesitated for a few seconds, but I couldn't juststand there and look at all those soldiers scattered all

an aut most somers scattered all over the ground, burnt and hleed-ing. I had to help. I volunteer with Magen David Adom, so Tve seen road acci-dents by nothing survey dents, but nothing ever prepared me for anything like this. Young boys were lying on the ground, some calling out in agony, some missing limbs.

As I worked ferociously, using medical kits that staff from the prison had quickly brought to the scene, I was oblivious to everything other than the wound I was dealing with at the moment, concentrating on determining what could be done for it now.

I worked on a scoop-and-run basis, putting them on stretchers and shipping them off to hospitals. As minutes ticked by, I stabilized some, comforted others and attached intravenous drips, doing whatever I could.

Ambulances and medical teams were nished to the scene. They took the injured to hospitals and collected the dead bodies so their could be identified. I think almost an hour went by

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hefore Lettened to the car with my friends. I was exhausted. We went to search for a cafe and a good strong cup of hot black coffee and then continued on to Pardesiyah.

I felt a deep urge to commue my routine, to keep on going, so

THERE WAS nothing for the Iron Curtain countries.

The survivors who met the criteria for funds but who remained for whatever reason - in countries under communist control got no direct or indirect payment from Bonn's compensation programs.

"This decision was made hecause the communist governments could not be relied upon to get hard curreocy to the survivors under their domination," Eizenstat said this week at the General Assembly of the World Jewish Congress.

Survivors from those countries

amerence auru said Benjamin Meed, head of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors. "It should make no difference in reparations." Further, the former East Bloc

states use the money to compensate all victims. including non-Jews who were subjected by Germany to forced labor, creating a large pool of people - of whom I am told that the German

vivors. By the end of this year, agreement with Belarus aims they expect to have distributed largely to compensate forced 304,000 food packages since the lahorers," said Eizenstat, who program's inception to Jews in recently concluded a fact-finding Minsk. Belarus; tour of Central European and Baltic states to review the status Russia In Russia, those who can docu-

ollateral agreemeous with the for Portion of the Jewish population. . "Each time the Claims mer communist states. Under the rules set by the German government, only applicants from the former East Bloc states oow residing io other countries are eligible ums," Schneider said. for the hardship fund, which the Claims Conference administers.

TWO YEARS ago, the Claims Conference, working through the Joint and local agencies, started distributing food to needy sur-Kiev,

Dnepropetrovsk and Kharkov, Ukraine; and St. Petershurg, The Claims Conference-funded

Conference provides assistance for victims, we are doing our utmost to compensate for non-vic-The Joint is also distributing tens of thousands of food packages in 284 other cities, Each package contains 10 kilograms of

protein and supplements and costs \$10 to \$14. The goal is to provide up to six food packages a year to those who need them. "Our aims are very modest," Schneider said.

program is limited to areas in

ch survivors are a substantial

We hope to bring the condition of nourishment up to the level that existed under communism," he added, noting the irony. Food is only the beginning.

Survivors, along with tens of thousands of others, may be bedor housebound or in acute social isolation.

There are more than 100 local

70,000 elderly Jews. A Joint insti-tute in St. Petersburg is training welfare officials. With help from the Claims Conference and a US philanthropic organizatioo, the Joint has apgraded welfare centers in five major cities, and plans to upgrade two more. bolic - sign, and many, like the Claims Conference, Meed and

welfare societies, which with the

Joint's assistance are serving

The goal is to have major welfare centers to serve the major citics and their peripheries. Schneider estimates that by the end of the century, each welfare center would have between 15,000 and 20,000 cases. Some 15,000 are oow getting some form of home health care.

"There's no way we can provide institutional care for this population," Schneider said.

There are other needs of the most basic sort: 2,000 whee]chairs, 7,500 canes, a soup kitchen to serve 10,000. "I would estimate that contain-

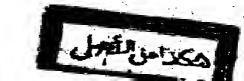
ing the situation in the most mod-

we went to the seminar and spoke about what had happened. I still suffer flashbacks from TOMORROW, the 51st anniversary of the liberation of

that morning. - I see those young faces and still smell that hourible odor of burning flesh. One mimite we were happily travelling in the car and the next minute we were racing to tend to the wounded. It's such a switch in reality - all those youngsters dying for no reason. If my car hadn't stalled at the ight, who knows what could have happened.

This wasn't my first brush with death. During the War of Attrition, I received a head injury while fighting in the Golan. A week later, I returned to duty. I am slightly jealous of the ease with which people in other comtries live out their lives. I left South Africa because I was against apartheid, and here everything is so intense. We are signing peace agree-ments and giving up land while innocent people are being killed. I want to believe that true peace will prevail

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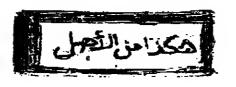
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COLUMNS

Lest we forget TEDDY KOLLEK with Amos Kollek

ften when I write this column, I find myself criticizing virtually everything and everyone: Our education system, declining idealism among our youth, the media which invade people'a privacy and supply information according to the wrong priorities about fanatics and extremists in our midst, the government and city administration, and so on

Criticism, 1 feel, is valid and necessary, since it might help improve things a little and per-haps he of interest to the reader at the same time. Besides. it is not surprising that 1 criticize, since after all 1 am a person who has devotedhis entire adult life to public service. I cannot be expected not to care, not to worry where the country is heading, not to try to safeguard achievements.

Of course, I am not the only one who does this. These days there is a growing trend of criticizing, of finding faults and drawing grim conclusions. Everything seems to be under the microscope. Revisionistsare reviewing and rewriting history, "discovering" that the heroes of 50 or 25 years ago were not so hemic after all. That these leaders were flesh and blood and made more mistakes than we bad previously admitted. It is the custom today, not only in Israel but everywhere in the Western world, which we could say now includes the former Soviet Union, to put everyone under scrutiny.

At one point or another, almost every public figure is suspected of some wrongdoing and of egotistical motives. Often there follow prolonged and bumiliating police interrogations with full media coverage. This is one of the rea-sons that fewer and fewer good people enter politics.

Why be degraded and criticized? Why submit your family to public harassment? It is an unfortunate fact that had news and scandals seem much more interesting than good news. You can sell a newspaper with a headline about someone who has murdered his wife or mistreated his children much more easily than one with a report on the great success of immigrant absorption. A corrupt politician makes better copy than one who wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

So, while I find myself to some extent caught up in this syndrome, I am not a critic merely because I want to sell newspapers, but because I want to make things better.

I don't want to forget for a moment all the great things that have happened to us and are still happening every day. Our accomplishments. The things we do right,

Who would have thought that a people so badly battered by the most horrible atrocity in history, the Holocaust, would be able to huild from scratch and under the most difficult cooditions, a stroog, solid modern stale, with high levels of education, culture and technology? Who would have thought that in under 50 years we would have built beautiful cities, modern highways, and a level of industry and culture that can compete with any European state that has been in existence for hundreds of years?

Think of all the libraries, schools, sports facilities, parks and museums. Criticism is needed, in a constructive measure, but let us not forget the good things, the incredible achievements. As a nation we need to strengthen our sense of selfworth, not weaken it. We must reinstate pride and love for our country.

We have every reason to do so. No passport sbould make a person who possesses it more proud than the Israeli one. I have no doubt that with all the incredible things that have happened on our planet over the past 10 decades, Zionism and the hirth of Israel will stand out as the greatest and most lasting achievement of the 20th century.

A new exhibition recently opened at the Bihle Lands Museum in Jerusalem, showing the great cities of the past, including Babylon, Nineveb, Susa and others. Of all the cities highlighted, the only one still in existence today is Jerusalem. Jerusalem without a port and without a river and with barely any great advantages bas continued to exist and flourish.

Some Palestinians claim to be the descendents of the Canaanites, hut where is the connection? Today, who speaks their language or continues their culture? Go into the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum and read the Dead Sea Scrolls that are 2,000 years old. Hebrew is still our language.

All of Europe is struggling over the absorption of refugees and immigrants. The reunification of Germany was expected to be easy. On both sides there are German Christians and still they have had great problems. In Israel we have been highly successful, yet only the failures are stressed in the media. Even the aliya from Ethiopia, despite the very special difficulties faced by this particular group of immigrants has been fairly successful.

We are also fed up with the behavior and language we observe in the Knesset. We are upset about it and rightly so. We should take the time to acknowledge the achievements and quality of our people.

Jews came to Israel from 104 different ethnic backgrounds and our democracy was strong enough to findroom for all of them. So why are we always complaining?

Once, from time to time, a good word sbould be said. Don't just criticize, also praise; praise the government. To remind us that the State of Israel is something to he proud of. I know that all of us can think of some good things about our country ...

CNN atomes for rare boldness

ust hefore Christmas, on December 20, CNN's Jerusalem hureau chief Walter Rodgers defied conventional wisdom. With common holdness, he suggested that Palestinian Christians are not ecstatic about the PLO takeover of the territories. (He was not alone in this. The AP wire service and Voice of America ran similar pieces.)

Introducing a short news segment which includ-ed interviews with three Christian Arabs, he said: "Bethlehem is among the holiest of Christian sites, but now many Christians see themselves as an endangered species. Once 80% of the [Bethlehem] population, their numbers have dwindled now to less than half that, and the Christian exodus abroad continues.

"Many Palestinian Christians left because they feared their children might join the intifada. Others left because the Israeli military occupation choked Bethlehem's economy, making jobs scarce. And now the growing fear of Islamic fun-damentalism increases the Christian sense of isolation

"Today, Bethlehem is a predominantly Moslem town. At Friday prayers, they spill into Manger Square, so crowded are the mosques. Christians complain they're publicly harassed and harangued for their faith. The Christian cemetery has been desecrated and vandalized. And the imam declares Allah brings victory. Bethlehem's Christians ask: Victory over whom? A fiery sermon mocks moderate Palestinian policies and calls the upcoming Palestinian elections a farce.

"Fights between young Christians and Moslems are not uncommon. Dragged away by a friend, this Christian boy said the Moslems are fascists, bad people. Moslem families of 10 and 12 children leave smaller Christian families awash in an Islamic sea, afraid they will be overwhelmed by the refugee camps and Moslem villages around Bethlebem. Many of the town's Christians are afraid to talk openly now."

To students of the Christians' situation in the territories, this is, if anything, an understatement. But Palestinians, used to unfailingly favorable treatment from the networks, were incensed. Journalist Daoud Kuttab sent an Internet message decrying "CNN's poison regarding Palestinian Christians," in which be not only excoriated Rodgers hut averred he was a liar: "When I pushed him he said that be spoke to some 30-40 people (I doubt that it was more than half a dozen)."

The message tried to debunk the CNN report not hy refuting the allegations hut by impugning their alleged source: "A lot of these stories began by a push from the ultra-Zionist International Christian Embassy."

It also called for protests to be sent to CNN. "I am trying to organize local Christian leaders and organizations to write to CNN and complain about this poisocous report. I spoke to Mayor Freij and to Hanan Ashrawi. But we must do more ... Many of you oeed to write CNN in Atlanta

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nificant plague?

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Bible is that deed, not hirth date,

establishes status. Thus Ahra-

ham's eldest son, Ishmael, must

step aside for the younger Isaac

because the former is a metzahek

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give way to Jacob, since the for-

mer has scorned the birthright.

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(either an attempt to determine

with whom his father would sleep

after the death of Rachel or a

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EYE ON THE MEDIA DAVID BAR-ILLAN

Kuttab also sent a letter to CNN president Ted Turner, claiming that the report was a "complete-ly biased portrayal of the situation of Christians in Bethlehem.

Whether it was Kuttab's complaint, or protests from Freij and Ashrawi, or just CNN reverting to routine Israel-bashing, the fact is that four days later CNN did somersaults in the air to atone for Rodgers's momentary lapse.

On December 24 Hanan Ashrawi was a guest on two separate programs from Bethlehem. This time it was a very different Rodgers on screen, with expert propagandist Ashrawi selling her usual fab-

RODGERS: As a Palestinian, as a Christian, how does it feel, looking out over that Square?

ASHRAWI: Well, it feels great ... h's overwhelming in many ways. It's a double celebration. There's o real sense of joy, a real sense of hope. Something that, in o sense, has historic vindication in it. For the first time in 28 years, I, myself, come to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve ...

RODGERS: There has been o large political undercurrent to oll of these celebrations in Bethlehem now, and I've heard some grumbling from some Christians who suggest that perhaps Mr. Arafat should have been more subdued, more low key. Would you oddress yourself to this criticism, to the grumbling we've heard? ASHRAWI: Well, yes. I think many people felt

that the religious component, the more spiritual aspect of Christmas has been in many ways overtaken by the national and nationalistic fervor. But you cannot separate them. Right now, there is o fusion of the religious and the national, and there is a sense of liberation that encompasses both.

Many people would much rather have seen o more subdued, a calmer religious atmosphere in Bethlehem. But, for 28 years we've been celebrating Christmas in the shadow of the gun and under occupation. So, now the removal of the occupation has become another occasion, ond they came close together in a sense. Had the withdrawal taken place earlier, then I'm sure that the religious component would have been more dominant.

(All that unfortunate unpleasantness about persecuted Christians is straightened out now. If a prominent Arab Christian like Ashrawi says all is well under the PLO, it must be so. And if the "nationalist celebrations" - which included the placing of a large plastic model of the Dome of the Rock on a church - overshadowed Christmas, it's all Israel's fault. It should have withdrawn soooer,

RODGERS: What was it like for a Polestinian to live under the military occupation here in Bethlehem or Ramallah where you live? Give us o sense for why they feel so joyous, the Palestinians. ASHRAWI: Well, the occupation to me is the most pervasive, the most oppressive kind of intru-

sion, and military repression is the worst kind of repression. We didn't have any freedom. We couldn't celebrate our own identity, aur own humanity, we couldn't even express it. We didn't have freedom af movement. We didn't have even freedom of worship, because we couldn't get to Bethlehem. We couldn't get to Jerusalem on occasions. Right now, Jerusalem's still under siege.

(Most CNN viewers have no way of knowing that "we couldn't get to Bethlehem" is an invention, an unconscionable fabrication. Access has always been totally free. Even on days of closure following murderous terrorist attacks, Ashrawi could get to Bethlehem from Ramaliah. But her ability to fabricate with a straight face, as she did when she claimed to be a descendant of the first Christians, is one of the wonders of the modern

RODGERS (speaking to camera): And while Moslems do not revere Jesus as the Messiah, He is nonetheless highly esteemed as the first Palestinian revolutionary.

(Here Rodgers may claim that he is only citing what the Palestinians say. But the distinction : between such citing and a statement of fact is lost on the viewer. To call Jesus the first Palestinian revolutionary is an insult to history and intelligence, and an offensive propagandistic ploy. And it's a safe bet that Kuttah, for all his passion for accuracy and despite his Christian faith, will neither decry Ashrawi's fabrications nor be insulted by Rodgers's reference to Jesus as a Palestinian.) RODGERS: What is the face of Christmas yet to come here in Bethlehem, it's difficult to say, but one thing is certoin ot this point - Yasser Arafat is firmly in control, Yasser Arafat, the former terror-

ist now the leader of the Palestinian nation has the keys, the symbolic keys to Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth

(What is even more admirable than Arafat's incredible journey from the world's most notorious terrorist to guardian of Christian Bethlehem is the way his propagandists have managed to convince the world not only that Jerusalem, never mentioned in the Koran, is central to Islam, but that a Jew born in "Bethlehem of Judea" (Matthew 2:1), in "the land of Israel" (Matthew 2:21) was a Palestinian.)

But CNN's atonement did not end in Bethlehem. At year's end, a round-up of 1995 events on CNN included three terrorist incidents: the Oklahoma bombing, the bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish community center and the attacks on Turkish workers in Germany. Not a mention was made of the suicide bombings in Beit Lid, Ramat Gan and Jerusalem. Nor was there a mention of . the fact that the victims of the Argentinian bombing were Jewish and the main suspects Moslem militants. In short, according to CNN, Moslems may have been victims of terrorism in 1995, but : never perpetrators.

Rodgers may have tried to scratch CNN's sacred cow, but he was made to see the error of his ways with utmost alacrity.

He ignores the singers and the shooters alike



RIME Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres resembles Yitzbak Rahin in his lack of respect for words. I have the impression that he even surpasses Rabin in his frequent resort to what Winston Churchill called "terminological inexactitude."

That disrespect extends to recorded historical facts, as well as the contents of the Jewish peoplc's basic texts - the Talmud, midrashim and, shockingly, the Bible.

Not to mention the scorn to which he exposed himself, even in the eyes of educated secularists, when be mispronounced the words of a brief passage from the High Holy Day service in the speech he read at the ceremonial signing of Oslo II in Washington last September.

It is people's acts that count, not their words, Peres - like Rabin before him - has declared in one formulation or another, time after time, upon being confronted with incitive and murderous words uttered by PLO chief Yasser Arafat and his underlings.

Hence we rightly expected our government to respond vigorously, in both word and action, to the repeated PLO violations of terms of the accords, violations belying Arafat's professed commitment to pursuing a "peace of the brave." But the official response has been, almost without exception, a dismissive shrug. Almost as invariably, our offi-

cial dismissal of Arafat & Co.'s anti-peace words and actions is followed by an official diatribe against the "enemies of peace," as our official spokesmen have branded Jews and our Christian ullies who raise the question of our so-called peace partner's incitement and violations. As we approach the Knesset

clections, it would be educational to examine Peres's record in abusing laneuage.

This will be especially instructive if we bear in mind the "words cun kill" mood that enveloped our society following Rabin's assassi-

VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

> nation. That dictum has been hurled accusingly at the right-wing and national-religious communities and institutions in which Rabin's murderer, Yigal Amir, and his circle lived and participated. However, Peres did not see fit to

pronounce "words can kill" over the revelation last month that some Israeli Arabs were distributing a cassette containing a song praising Arafat's private militia, Force 17, in murderous anti-Israel terms. The song's refrain is: Force 17 in Gaza and Joffa.

Force 17 in Jerusalem and

Hoifa. Force 17 in Ramallah and Jenin.

Force 17 in Lod and Acre. Zionist, your death is in my hands.

Peres's reaction: "There are those who sing and those who shoot. I'm checking out those who shoot." (The Jerusalem Post, December 19)

What of the PLO and Hamas murderers walking about freely in the Autonomy flaunting their weapors?

What of the PLO's ignoring our requests for the extradition of wanted murderers?

IT IS also instructive to recall Peres's regret over having been

canght lying. On October 11, 1993, a month after the Declaration of Principles was signed and Rabin and Arafat sbook hands on the White House lawn, Peres, then foreign minister, sent a letter to Johan Holst, the Norwegian foreign minister wbo had played a central role in the negotiations that had preceded the Israel-PLO compact.

Peres stated in Israel's name: "... the Palestinian institutions of East Jerusalem and the interests and well-being of the Palestinians of East Jerusalem are of great importance and will be preserved... [They] are performing an essential task for the Palestinian populatioo. Needless to say, we will not hamper their activity; on the contrary, the fulfillment of this important mission is to be encouraged."

In May 1994, when we signed the Cairo accords with the PLO, Arafat mentioned the existence of this letter, which Ha'aretz reported on June 2. Peres and Rabin denied its existence. Five days later Peres released the text of the letter, and two days after that Rabin took responsibility for having withheld it.

In a July 1 interview with the Post's David Makovsky, Peres said his only regret about the whole affair was "that it became public."

Several months later, Peres denied the existence of a report by the IDF Judge Advocate-General that contained criticism of Israel's handling of PLO violations of the Cairo accords. Likud MK Binyamin Begin proved Peres a liar hy producing a copy of the report at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

A FEW more Peresian pearls: • "Go back where you came from!" - to Ruth Matar of Jerusalem, a critic of Labor's peace policy, in December 1993 during a brief confrontation with her when he detected the Anglo-Saxon accent in ber Hebrew.

He never apologized, and his spokeswoman said that though he regretted making the remark, he preferred not to make an apology that would draw unwarranted public attention to the incident."

Imagine an American secretary of state making a similar remark to a foreign-accented American. The Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Society of Mexican Americans, Arah Anti-Defamation League, etc. would never let him off as easily as Peres was let off.

• "The more we give up land, we discover we have more PhD's per kilometer - so we are going to make a living on PhD's, not on mileage." - speaking to faculty and students at the University of

Pennsylvania in October 1994. There isn't a democratic country in the world that requires a special majority." - when asked in an August 8 radio interview if a special majority is necessary in order to surrender territory. He was right, if one excludes the US, Norway, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and Austria, which are among 31 democratic countries and American states which do so according to a survey published by the Jerusalem-based Shalem Institute.

It's who you are, not your birthday, that counts

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

> dedicated himself to Torah. Membership in the Sanhedrin was based on solid intellectual and ethical achievements. The ultimate expression of this change of attitude is to be found in a Mishna: "A product of a forbidden sexual liaison who is a sage takes precedence over a high priest who is an uneducated boor." (Mishna Horayot 13)

Yet we are struck hy a verse in Exodus. There we read how God instructs Moses to address Pharaoh: "Thus says the Lord: Israel is my son, my firstborn." Doesn't this description of Israel contradict everything we've been saying until now?

Let's consider three possibilities. First, these words can be seen as a warning to the Egyptians. You Egyptians, who see yourselves as the firstborn of the world, the greatest civilization, must understand that if there is a firstborn. then God, the father of all nations, will choose whom He wants, and restrained themselves. paving the it's not you, it's Israel!

way for the hirth of a priestly Second, these words can be seen class. Nevertheless, we can still as a warning to the Israelites. The find traces of this firstborn institu-Almighty may be saving to Israel: tion in the pidyon haben ceremo-"I have established a relationship ny, in which fathers "redeem" with you first, but you have to their firstborn sons from being prove yourself worthy in deed as dedicated to Divine service by well, otherwise you too can be replaced." Eventually, the priestly class

Third, these words may imply a combination of the above. There is an interesting difference of opinion between Rahbi Yehuda Halevy and Maimonides regard-

ing the essential character of the Jewish people. According to Halevy, the Jewish people are inherently holy. Maimonides, on the other hand, argues that there is nothing special about a Jew qua Jew; if a Jew keeps the Torah, he is worthy of his name, and if not, he becomes like the rest of the nations. Judaism. he believes, is a : meritocracy.

Rav Avraham Yitzhak Hakohen Kook, in his Letters (No. 64). addresses this difference of opinion and pravides an interesting resolution. He cites a talmudic passage: "You shall therefore keep My statutes, and Mine ordinance which if a man does, he shall live hy them " (Lev. 18:5)

Rav Meir argues that the Torah's choice of the word "man" (adam) implies that even a non-Jew who husies himself with Torah and mitzvot is as great as the High Priest. (BT Sanhedrin 59a) However, the Torah does propbesy that ultimately it is the Jewish nation which will teach ethical monotheism to the world, and the Torah does guarantee the cternalness of that nation. Hence, when God instructs

Moses to tell Pharaoh that he must free His people Israel. "mv son. firstborn," the words don't contradict His desire to dissolve the institution of the firstborn.

Each Jew is an individual, and thus cannot rely on the firsthorn status of the Jewish people. If he doesn't keep Torah and mitzvot, Ray Meir and Ray Kook are saying, then any committed gentile can be greater.

Shabbat Shalam



ON MONDAY - NYT DAY IN THE JERUSALEM POST DON'T MISS: Eight pages from The New York Times Weekty Review. Stories, reports, comments, analyses

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coming to an end. Indeed, the Egyptians' sin boils down to the idea that if you're born an Egyptian you have the right to enslave, and if yon're born a

Hebrew, you have oo rights at all. Therefore the killing of the Egyptian firstborn not only strikes THY is the killing of the firstborn the most sigterror into the bearts of every household, but tolls the death Perhaps because this final knell for the institution of the plague dealt a death-blow to an firstborn. People are to be judged institution of ancient culture by merit, and not by birth.

which God found objectionable: Historically, the movement toward a meritocracy describes a primogeniture, the primacy of the fascinating evolution within the We find the theme of the first-Jewish people. Despite the hibliborn at the start of the Bible, when cal rejection of firstborn sons, prisibling rivalry between Cain and mogeniture continued to hold sway, with the leadership of the Abel is reflected in the rejection and acceptance of their respective nation consisting of the firstborn sacrifices to God: the hypocritical sons of the tribal families. The gift of the firstborn Cain is rejectrule of the firstborn comes to a ed, while the more sincere offerdramatic end when the nation ing of the younger Abel is accept-ed. Part of Cain's vexation is due including the firstborns - worships the golden calf. to the fact that he sees his first-Leadership is then transferred to

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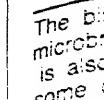
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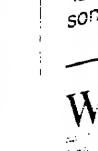
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looked with satisfaction at her powerful hand and vowed that nnbody was going to prevent her from playing the enotract. She had a forcing fnur bid. The brief auction was sophisticated for the Southland. Everybody whn was anybody knew that devinus Yankee auctions were not meant for ladies and gentlemen. Dixie slam tries were like marriage proposals; the gentleman asked and the lady invari-

ably accepted. Their opponents were the best pair io Georgia. Gaytard Ravenall (West), a fine card player, led the queeo of diamnods. Harlett (Sooth) immediately cashed ber king nf dia-mnnds and ruffed the third round, eliminating the suit, a maneover that always gave her a glaw af pride.

Deciding to stake everything no the double finesse in elnbs. sbe first played the king nf spades and, when West shnwed nut, called for the queen. Brett averted disaster by selecting nnt the queen of spades but an unsolicited queen nf bearts and before she could correct him, a lnw heart appeared from Mrs. Ravenall (East).

With a gesture of frustration. Harlett was about to ruff, wheo she saw the cootract was practically certain. Ravecall could not hald the ace and king af bearts, or be surely would have led noe. So she artfully discarded a club. Ravenall wan the trick and ebewed his blande mustache. Eventually be selected a low beart and his wife's king was ruffed by Harlett, whn drew the last trump and proudly claimed.

"Beautifully played, partner," said Brett, but his maddening smile told her that he had controlled events by cynically misunderstanding her call far the trump queen.

Ashby would never bave done anything so underhand, she reflected

And she would have been nne down_

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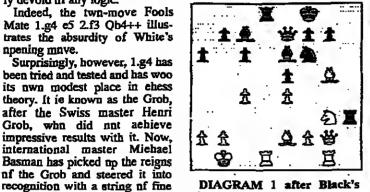
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The following position from Amatzia Avni's internationally scclaimed book, Creative Chess, finds White seemingly unable to preveot the qoeening of Black's e pawn. But by playing what would appear to be nne nf the worst moves at his disposal, White can farce a remarkable draw.

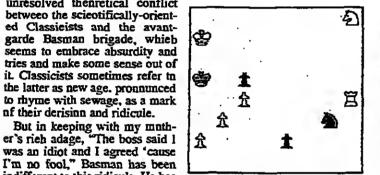


DIAGRAM 2Solution: 1.Re4! Nxe4 2.Ng6 e1Q 3.Ne5; threatening mate nn e6. White's new queen is powerless in lend assistance as she is blocked by her nwn knight, the result of White's first move rook sacrifice.

3.Kb4 4.Nd3+ followed by 4....Nxe1 0.5 0.5

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



The first of the anemones are appearing in Galilee and the Jerusalem Hills. (Va'acov Sheltici)

Wild flowers come into bloom

NATURE

Right now is the time for the first of the anemnoes (kalaniot), the so-called wind flowers, to burst iotn blos-

som all over Galilee and throughout the Jerusalem hills. In the Jerusalem hills the flowers are red, due to the nature of the soil and tn the general ambience. In Galilee it is another story. They range in colors from white to pale

lavender and even deep purple. This shows, of course, that the ambience of the cultivated garden is not that of the field because virtually every color is propagated in gardens in these areas.

But it is the experience of the field that determines what will or will not occur in nature. It is not only the lovely windflowers that are at their best right now but also that rare and wonderful flower, the desert tulip, Tulipa systola (in Hebrew tzivoni hamidbar).

This beautiful flower is found in the Negev desert and in the Arava

7 Concentration points to

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8 Very good workers do-

and very bad ones! (7,6)

9 They're saddled with

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D'VORA BEN SHAUL when even a few millimeters of rain bless the land. And then, in the steppes of the Negev, there are banks of sun roses (Helianthemum vesicarium; in Hebrew, shimshon hashaluhit). They are both beautiful and very useful because the truffles of the Negev nnly grow in close symbinsis with the

shimshon. In fact both collectorsand Beduin seek the shimshon plant in order to find the truffles. All varieties of cyclameo are in bloom, and so are the first of the true orchids. The loose-flowered nrchid, Orchis laxiflora (in Hebrew, sachlar habitzot), is a balbous plant of the archid family. It is perennial and is Israel's tallest orchid. But it grows only in the swamps of northern Israel and in a few places in the central region of wildfinwers.

and by now rare blossoms of the field sword-lily. This is a very delicate plant known as Gladiolus italicus (in Hebrew saifan hatavua). It grows in Israel in fields and in fallow lands but suffers greatly from deep plowing and from modern herbicides. The leaves are inng and lanceolate and the flowers are pink.

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One of the real treasures of the season is the lesser celandine, (Rammculus ficaria; in Hebrew, nurit halay). This is a perennial plant of the crowsfont family and it grows in fields and in fallnw lands in all of northern Israel. On the rare accasion when it appears, it does so in the Jernsalem hills, particularly around Sha'ar Hagai, but it is not known whether this is nathral or a transplant. The end of January and all of February are rich manths for those who seek the

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utation as a scalawag. I might be accused af taking advantage South dealer Neither side vulnerable nf the information." Harlett blushed angrily, but pursed her lips tightly as she continued ber enuoting. She North (Brett) KQ18 ♥ QI109

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Y favorite bridge book nf 1995 is Contract Killers by Phillip and Rnhert King. This is the secood book by this British father-son writing team, Phillip a top player and his dad a playwright. The first was The King's Tales, a collection of short stories satirizing various well-known writers.

Their new book cootains four novelettes, all takeoffs of popular novels: "The Bridgefather," based nn Marin Puzo's The Gudfather; "Contract fur Murder," after Agatha Christie's Cards on the Table; "The Club," a takeoff of John Grisham's The Firm; and a satire of Gone With the Wind called "Harlett O'Scara."

This week's deal comes from ehapter two of "Harlett O'Scara." The chapter begins with the heroine, Harlett, a spailed southern belle, in a Mixed Pair competition in-Atlanta, partnered by the notorinus Brett Rutter (based on Rhett Butler, Clark Gable's character io the film version). As Hariett sorted her hand for the first board she was conscious of Brett's pitying smile as be watched her with eyes that: saw everything.

"If you will permit a sugges-finn, Miss O'Scara," he drawled, "it might be best if you didn't move your his while you didn't move your his while you count your points. With my rep-.

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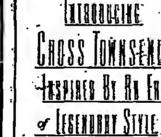


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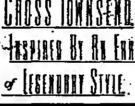
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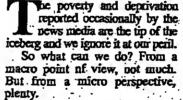
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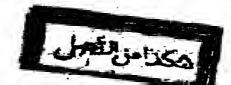
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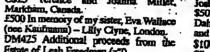
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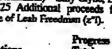




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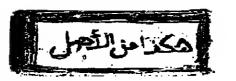
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Friday, January 26, 1996 TRAVEL America's sweetheart city: Hip, happening Seattle

The birthplace of grunge music, microbreweries and Windows 95 is also only a step away from some of the best sailing, hiking and skiing in the US

HAT could be more mouraful than the dirge of a ferry whistle as it caroms off the glassy towers of downtown Seattle on a day, like most days, when the low-hanging sky is the color of dirty dishwa-ier? It's a sad, sad sound, one you won't hear anywhere else on Earth.

The Jerusalem Post

But it's a noise that has its consolations. For starters, it means you're in Scattle. And what could be better than that?

This city elenched in the halfopen elaw of Puget Sound seems to have become, in recent years, the nation's sweetheart. It is the birthplace of a host of recent trends: microhrewed heers, grunge music, coffee in myriad forms, Windows 95.

And on its green-necklaced doorstep yon'll find some of the hest sailing, hiking, skiing, mountaineering, canoeing and kayaking anywhere in the country.

It's hip, it's happening and ev-erybody wants a piece of the action. Immigrants are pouring in from all over the West, from the East and even from the Far East. So are visitors, who can't resist the chance to experience the brawny, rongh-bewn allure of a city poised on the planet's newest economic and cultural frontier the Pacific Rim,

The so-called Emerald City and its diverse neighborhoods hold sway from a series of low, rounded hills rising gently from Puget Sound, Water virtually surrounds the city - there's Elliot Bay to the west, Lake Union to the north, Lake Washington to the east, the Duwamish River to the south and, of course, all the stuff that keeps falling out of the

The city's harbors have been its lifehlood since Seattle's founding. They helped rocket the city to prominence when gold was discovered in Alaska, and Seattle became the chief port for outbound or returning goods and DIOSDECTORS.

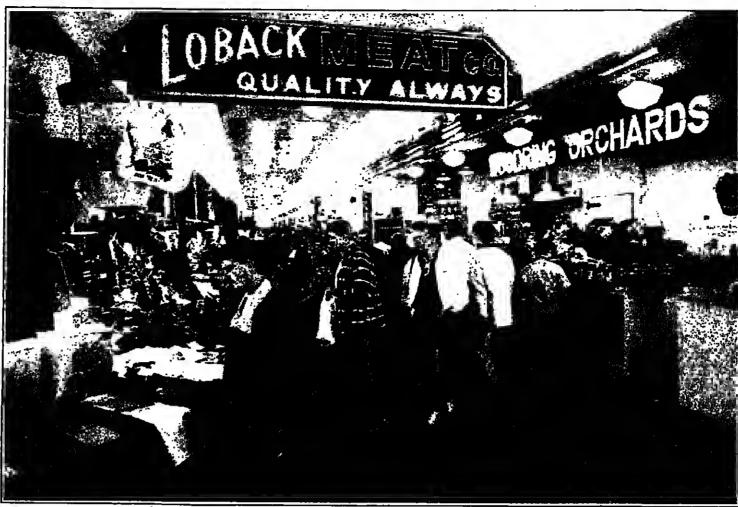
So almost any exploration of Seattle begins near the waterfront, within carshot of the city's omnipresent seaguils.

Many a visitor, in fact, never gets far from it. This is the place to hop a ferry to Bainbridge Island (a 35-minute trip that offers superlative views of the city skyline and, in good weather, a knock-your-socks-off look at Mount Rainier, the snowcapped volcano that looms over the city with all the grandenr of Olympus).

There are boats leaving for British Columbia, boats bound to the San Juan Islands, to Indianstyle sahnon bakes on Blake Island, and to tour the harbor area itself.

Most of the action unwinds between piers 48 and 70, where local landmarks include the Seattle Aquarium, an Omnidome theater and Ye Olde Curiosity Shop.

Farther north, along the shoresof Lake Union, in a neighborbood made famous by the movie



The indoor mall at Pike Place Market is a popular Seattle attraction.

Sleepless in Seattle, posh houseboats are moored bumper to bumper in eternal watery gridlock.

If the water proves irresistible, not far away is The Center for Wooden Boats, where you can rent a variety of watercraft. Just across the lake lies the bizarre Gas Works Park, a post-apocalyptic vision created by the rusting hulk of an old gas boiler

coal in order to light the city. Back near the Aquarium, you can scale the long stairway of the Pike Place Hillclimh to reach Pike Place Market, one of the most entertaining shopping centers anywhere.

Much of the amusement is because of the fishmongers at Pike Place Fish, who sling whole fish, arm length and more, over the heads of customers.

Place Market, whose nine historic acres are best explored simply by wandering through a warren of stalls selling local produce, bouquets of flowers, handcrafts, Afri-can sculpture, Whitey Ford baseball cards, collectibles, herbal concoctions, and newspapers from Le Monde to The Jerusalem Post.

This is just the place to assemble ingredients for a picnie or, if you're lazy, to hit one of the (Hartford Courant/Steve Silk)

from Northwest seafood or Bolivian fare to East African cuisine and Russian hlintzes. Coffee? Yon can't turn around without seeing signs for espressos, lattes, Americanos - you name it.

Thus fortified, yon might march off downhill to Pioneer Square, the heart of the city a century ago. Yesler Way, one of the roads that spills into the

square, was the original Skid Road (now familiarly known as house where gas was coaxed from That's just the start of Pike many restaurants for anything Old stones come alive at Hazor archeological museum pressions which the ordinary visi-SEE IT HERE knocked off in what was apparsee the fortifications and monumental gate from the time of the

the "boly place" where all the finds are displayed almost exactly

But it is the museum that puts all this into context. According to museum director Yohanan Meir, this is the only on-site murestaurants, busy nightclubs and, of course, coffee bars. For most, though, Pioneer Square is not nearly as interesting as what lies beneath it. The city's signature tour, Seattle Underground, is an offbeat guided, 90minnte walk through subterranean passageways, hnried buildings and other oddities that

Skid Row), so named because loggers used to skid their logs down it on their way to the mill.

But Pioneer Square, with its brick buildings and shady trees, is a more friendly place during the day, when tourists and locals stroll

its side streets lined with quirky little shops, art galleries, intriguing

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was almost completely destroyed in a fire. The new city was huilt atop the old one, following a massive landfill project that left some of the old-time city streets as much as 10 meters underground.

remain from the 1889 city, which

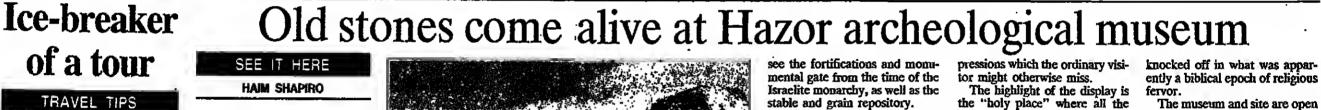
For a more up-to-date look at Seattle, most folks wind their way to Seattle Center, 74 acres of fun for all ages. The center was built for the 1962 World's Fair, and the Jetson-esque Space Needle that rises 185 meters above this playground of museums and amusement rides affords a spectacular panorama of the city, Puget Sound and its surrounding mountains the Olympics, and the Cascades, and, of course, Mount Rainier.

From here, you'll also get a glimpse of all the parts of Seattle you still haven't seen.

For information about Seattle, write or call the Seattle/King County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 520 Pike St, Suite 1300, Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 461-5800. For a copy of the Washington State Activity Guide, an excellent

quarterly brochure on what to do in Washington, write to the Washington State Tourism, 101 General Administration Building, Olympia, WA 98504; or call (360) 753-5600 or (800) 544-1800.

(Hartford Courant)



The museum and site are open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5

all bar-mitzva gifts is a trip L to the Arctic, organized by Geographical Tours-Neot Hakikar. The price of \$2,725 includes a cruise on an ice-breaker and excursions on dog and reindeer sleds.

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE bar-mitzva gift to end

ALITALIA IS offering a roundtrip fare to New York of \$555. including a stopover in Rome. The Italian national airline is also offering round-trip fares to London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich and Amsterdam, with no stop-over, for \$333. Both offers are valid until the end of February.

A SEVEN-night ski package to Uludagh, Turkey, is being orga-nized by Arkia Charter for \$649. The price includes a round-trip flight to Istanbul, transport to and from the ski resort, and hotel accommodation with full board.

Another cheap ski package, in Slavoma, is being offered by Natour. Prices start at \$710 for round-trip fare to Ljuhljana, transfers and seven nights with half board.

CHARTER FLIGHTS to Milan and Verona on Eurofly are to be available from Kishrei Tenfa, with the flights to Milan every Thursday, beginning on February 15, and the Verona flights every Friday, from March 1. The price of \$399 for adults, \$374 for children, is to be valid until March

LUFTHANSA IS offering a round-trip ticket to Munich plus four days of unlimited rail travel in Europe over the period of a month for \$674. The price is for the company's Saturday flights to Munich. For other flights to Munich, the price is \$781, while for flights to Frankfurt it is \$803. The airline also offers special fares on train tickets to specific destinations.

DIESENHAUS IS throwing in a three-night stay in a hotel with breakfast with the flight to Prague costing \$506. The offer is only for midweek, but on weekends the company can offer a room with breakfast at the Prague Hilton Atrium for \$10 a night.

AIR INDIA, which is to begin flying to Israel on February 4, is offering a combined ticket, India a la Carte, which includes Tel Aviv-Bombay round-trip and flights to all the company's destinations in India. The price is \$975.

FOR THOSE who are already making plans for Pessah, Mano Lines is to begin its Mediterrapean cruises with the holiday. Prices for the seven-day cruise, including all meals, start at \$485.

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actually do like to visit archeological excavations, but it's not always to easy to conjure up an image of a flourishing civilization when you see a series of crisscrossing low stone walls. The archeologists often make it a little easier for us with a little judicious reconstruction, but that too has its limitations.

of old stones?

HO wants to see a pile

In fact, many of us

One of the prohlems is that most of the remains are carted off to places far away from the site itself. In Israel, the remains from an excavation are likely to be found in Jerusalem, as often as not in the cellars of the Rockefeller Museum, in the storage rooms of the Antiquities Authority.

One exception to this rule is Hazor, in upper Galilee, where there is a complete museum devoted to displaying the items found at the dig. In fact, the Ayala and Sam Zacks Hazor Mnseum is located just across the

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Hazor contains many ancient sites including the House of Pillars at the area's national park.

road from the dig, at Kibbutz Avelet Hashahar, the kibbutz where anthor James Michener stayed while gathering material for his book The Source. And it's no secret that the archeological site upon which the book is based

is Hazor, even though the author

took a few liherties in his

Hazor was an important royal

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many stairs.

city located on the Via Maris, the route stretching from Egypt in the south to Syria and Mesopotamia in the north. The visitor can

scum solely devoted to one spe-cifie. dig. He strongly recommends that visitors to the site first come to the muscum, which in any ease is included in the price.

Even for those who are not particularly interested in Hazor's history, the museum is a prime example of elegant display techmques. Outside are some of the monnmental lions and pillars which once graced the site, while the one room in which the display is located provides a sweeping view of the 21 layers from prehistorie times. The secret is in the dramatic lighting, which high-lights details and provides im-





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FEATURES

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Friday, January 26, 1996

An Australian who's who: Down under over here

a Hashomer magine Hatza'ir educator introduc-ing Yiddish to Israeli high-Dov school students. Golembowicz, 64. an Australian who came here in 1955, did just that, in 1981.

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Ask Australian Ambassador Peter Rogers in list 10 local denizens from down under who made a vital or unusual contribution to life here and he will

Gary Leibler: Maven of elec-

shake his head. His homework.

when honing up on Israel prior

to his arrival here two years ago.

did not include learning who s who among the nearly 8,000

'Australians here don't do

anything to promote themselves

as such. he says. Australians tend to main-

stream into the population. They list Martin Indyk, the US

ambassador, as their most prominent compatriot here.

Regardless of his present affilia-

tions, Australians continue to

regard him as one of their own.

His citizenship may have

The real veterans will cite the

pioneers of Kibbutz Kfar

Hanassi, once known as the

Australian kibbutz, while more

recent arrivals nominate dynam-

ic doctors, lawyers and business

Why should the subject come

Today is Australia Day, the 226th anniversary of the discov-ery of the Island Continent by

Aside from diplomatic and

trade relations, there are historic

links between Israel and

Australia. There were Australian

British explorer James Cook.

people to the who's who list.

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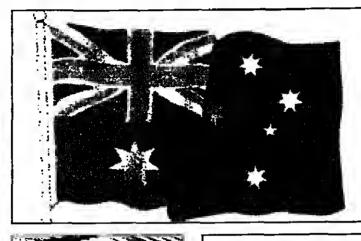
changed, but his accent hasn't.

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expatriates.

This resourceful group of immigrants has made its mark on various aspects of society, writes **Greer Fay Cashman**

year after moving here, and was Isaac (Pixie) Ernest, 66. educator, immigrated in 1952. The for many years the director of headmaster of public relations. He is currently founding





Dr. Louise Fisher specializes in skin cancer awareness.

Australia's Bialik College, set up by the Australian Zionist Federation, Ernest was the Education Ministry's inspector for English in southern and then in Jerusalem schools.

Dr. Louise Fisber. 41, general practitioner and Ma'aleh Adumim council member, immigrated in 1980 with her hushand Jeffrey, who is a car-diae anesthesiologist at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Fisher, who holds the health portfolio, works to increase health awareness, especially regarding skin cancer. She is also involved with education

division.

projects which bring unaffiliated youth and adults bere for periods of study and service. Through the AZF, Mittelberg has also put the wheels in motion for an Australian oetwork to assist newcomers and help Australian immigrants meet each other.

Stella Saper, 62, artist and weaver, immigrated io 1973. The Foreign Ministry's division



Jack Beris helped make Jerusalem bloom.

for International Cooperation selected her twice to teach weaving techniques to people in Third World countries.

Chana Sheink, 58, is a oative-born Israeli who returned in 1990 after 36 years io Australia. A volunteer guide at the Israel Museum, Sheiok loves explaining the country's ancient history and traditions to visitors. She also heads Keren Klita's operations in Jerusalem's Gilo area and has belped many Russian immigrants.

She and her busband Jonathan, wbo works in the legal departmeot of the Communications Ministry, regularly entertaio resident and visitiog Australians io their home, which has become an unofficial reception center.

Ted Silverman, 51, airline executive, immigrated in 1967, and stresses that he came "hefore the Six Day War." Silverman was the local CEO for TWA and oow heads KLM operations.

Garry Stock, 52, investment consultant and broker. Stock. who immigrated in 1994, has a growing portfolio of overseas investors, mainly Australians, whom he advises about investing in local enterprises similar to those they run abroad. Raoul Rapke, 35, lawyer, immigrated io 1990. Two years ago he became the legal adviser to Iscar, the major company in the Wertheimer group. Motti (Max) Rosenfield, 68, immigrated in 1948 to fight in the War of Independence. He served in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War, and now lives oo Kihhutz Elrom. where he supervises the volunteers and subtitles films in Elrom's productioo and translation company.

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Dancing on the grapes

GRAPEVINE GREER FAY CASHMAN

HEY WERE celebrating in the Golan this week, and it had nothing to do with the peace negotiations between Israel and Syria. The toasts were to the Golan Wineries whose wines won in four out of the six categories of wine to be served at the \$600-aplate royal banquet which some of the world's leading chefs will prepare in Jerusalem oo March 18. Professional wice tasters David Pepercorn, Serena Sutcliffe and Philippe Bourguignon came to Israel for a special "blind" tasting, and were giveo oo prior information about the source of any of the wines presented. The results of their adjudication cannot, therefore, be interpreted as some kind of consolation prize to Golan Heights vinmers who may have to find other vineyards in the wake of an Israeli withdrawal. The menu for the banquet is being coordinated by Shalom Kadosh, executive chef at the Sheraton Jerusalem Plaza and himself an international prize winner, although at the diooer both the cuisine and its ereators will be non-Israeli.

NOT ALLOWING himself mncb time to recover from his prime minister's official visit here, Dutch Ambassador Christiaan Kroner and his wife Harriet last Saturday night hosted 100 guests at a Misgav Ladach benefit con-cert and \$250-a-plate dinner. The entire donatioo went to the bospital, while the Kroners themselves shouldered all the costs of the kosber, catered affair at their Herzliya Pituab home. Internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano Mitsuko Shirai and her pianisi husband Hartmut Hoell captivated those present with a wide-ranging *lieder* program. Shirai beads the Friends of Misgav Ladacb in Germany. Hotelier and president of the World Trade Center in Vienna Georg Katcz and his wife Edith specially came to Israel for the occasion. Others attending included fellow hoteliers Ami Federman of the Dan chaio and Dave Taig, owner of the Tel Aviv Hilton, shipping tycoon and phil-anthropist Yuli Ofer and his wife Ruth, David Shallon, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra musical director, and of course, Misgav Ladach medical director Dr.

Michael Stark.

THE WARMTH at the home of recently arrived British ambassador David Manning was attributable not only to the degree of bospitality which be and his wife Katherine extended to members



Datch Ambassador Christian Kroner and mezzo-soprano Mitsuko Shirai sample their \$250-a-plate dinner.

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Serena Sutcliffe puts Israeli

wine to the test. (Yitzhak Harari)

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Israel and the former president of

the United States bad plenty to

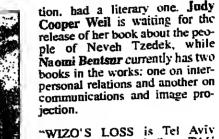
reminisce about at a dinner which

Ezer and Renma Weizman bost-

ed for Jimmy and Roslyn Carter

just a few hours prior to their flight back to the US. While con-

for which Carter was the chief



"WIZO'S LOSS is Tel Aviv Uoiversity's gain," TAU President Yoram Dinstein said at World WIZO's salue to its outgo-ing President Raya Jaglom. Dinsteio was one of no fewer than 16 dignitaries who paid tribute to Jaglom's leadership role on bebalf of numerous causes and institutions, which in addition to WIZO ioclude the Weizmann Institute, the Tel Aviv Museum. the Israel Museum. the World Jewish Coogress. the World Zionist Organization, the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and others. Jaglom. who has giveo 55 years of service to WIZO, will not leave the organizatioo of which she is now honorary president: hut in future will devote ber coosiderable fundraising abilities to TAU.

versation oaturally revolved around the Palestinian elections, SOCIAL AFFAIRS Minister Ora Namir, who came not as a gov-ernment minister "but as a personal friend of Raya Jaglom." observer, the two men chewed the fat oo a much earlier phase of the observed that although Jaglom peace process, wheo Weizman, might presect a tough exterior, then defence minister, had been there was also another side to her amongst the Israelis bosted by - one that could be moved by the Carter at Camp David during the Israel-Egypt negotiations. sight of a sufferiog child or an old person. "That's something you rarely see in men. Lady Sieff, whose late mother-in-law. Rebecca Sieff, was one of the ALMOST IMMEDIATELY after returning from his highly publicized state visit to Germany, founders of WIZO, noted that Presideot Weizman attended the Jaglom, who had involved her in opening at the Bihle Lands Museum of a special exhibition WIZO, was in a sense responsible for her meeting and marrying entitled Jerusalem : A capital for Marcus Sieff (now Lord Sieff). Former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy all times - Royal Cities of the Biblical World. After expounding Kollek said of Jaglom, "she gave yet again on his pet theme that the me several promises - and each time she gave me double." WJC future of the Jewish people can be President Edgar Bronfman. guaranteed only by living in recalling his tirst meeting Jaglom in 1981, said that at the time he had "the hutzpa to think I could be president of the World Jewish Congress. He'd tested that butzpa on all sorts of people, he said, and Jaglom had backed him by telling the members "here you have a wealthy young man who wants to do it - so let him." And they did. This week they also reclected Jaglom as vice president of the WJC.



Maccabiah Games.

Cbamher Australia

Ted Silverman now heads KLM operations here.

working on new projects with American philanthropist Sam Rothberg. Honig, a tennis player, first came to Israel in 1950 as Australia's one-man team in the

Baron Katranski, 28, executive director of the Israel of Commerce. immigrated in October 1994, after serving in the same capacity for three years in the Victorian hranch of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce,

Although the Chamber's purpose is to promote bilateral trade. Katranski savs, "we also



orld Wars uring I and II. and Australia was the first country to say "yes" in the United Nations vote on the partition of Palestine.

Some of the rcsident Australians who stand out in the crowd include:

Jack Beris, 59. civil engineer. immigrated in 1961. He was the site manager for Kiryat Wolfson, one of the most daring and exciting residential projects in the capital. He specialized in water engineering, but couldn't find a job in his field. "I was going to make the desert bloom. but instead I built Jerusalem." be says.

see ourselves as ambassadors and charitable worksand helped open two neighborhood kindergartens.

Irene Gruber. 49, is the assistant to the general manager Bank Mizrahi. Gruber, who immigrated in 1970, is the only woman in Bank Mizrahi to hold such a high-ranking position. Her duties include international activities and giving legal advice to the hank's foreign Rom.

Eliahu Honig, 65. is the associate vice president of the Hebrew University. He joined the university's staff in 1956, a

he Miriam Adahan Handbooks

for Australia, promoting tourism and culture. Gary Leibler, 30, a lawyer turned entrepreneur, immigrated in 1990.His current venture is Multimedia Judaiea, which aims to have the largest electronic Judaica stable io the world. He plans to transfer the Encyclopedia Judaica to CD-

David Mittelherg, 48, a sociology lecturer at the Kibbutz Movement's Oranim School of Education, immigrated io 1972. He was instrumental in several

of Metuna to mark the cooclusion of their road safety seminar, but also to the log fire hurning in the grate. The Mannings' previous posting was io Moscow where winter temperatures were subzero, and they still haven't got the need for a fire out of their systems. Expressing the embassy's pleasure at being associated with Metuna, the ambassador offered to help the organization in any way possible in the future. To which Metuna executive member Zeida Harris retorted: "That's very brave. The ambassador doesn't know what he's letting himself io for."

oneself without water, just as the guests are due to arrive. That's what bappened to Nitza. Ben-Elissar, wife of Likud MK Eliahn Ben-Elissar this week when she bosted a luncheon fur Michelle Mazel to celebrate the publication of her book Sirens Over Jerusalem. A pipe had burst io her neighborhood, and there

abroad bad included the Czech

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was no guarantee that the repairs could be completed before the guests arrived. Eliahu Ben-Elissar offered to bring water from the Knesset, and one of the guests who beard about the possible calamity actually did bring water. But there was no need as the municipal eogineers put their best foot forward, and the water began to flow only seconds after the

arrival of the first guests. At least half of those atteoding had served from 1980 to 1983 with Israel's first diplomatic mission to Egypt. The hostess was the ambassador's wife, while the guest of honor was the wife of the political adviser. Also present were Ongi Netanel whose husband had been commercial attache, Billi Laniado, whose busband was the press officer, Zvia Shimon who had been the amhassador's secretary. Sarah Dubek, whose busband succeeded Ben-Elissar, and Nira Zohar. whose busband recently completed his tour of duty as consul in Alexandria. Others present, who didn't have an Egyptian connec-

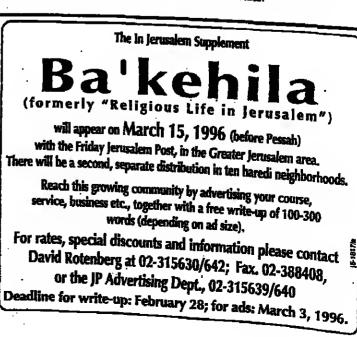
TURNING THE other cheek. Baruch Gordon, who is in charge of the Arutz 7 Internet service, also does some guiding and lecturing for groups and individuals whom he first meets via the net. Amongst the most recent were a group of college students from a Lutheran university in Minnesota. Taking them through Judea and Samaria, and using quotations from the Bible to prove his point, Gordon told them that they were actually in the center of the country, to which one of the girls in the group responded: Then why don't you keep this and give the Palestinians the Coastal Plain?"

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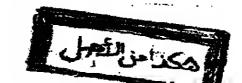
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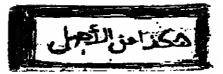
BIRTHDAY PARTIES are becoming par for the course in the Prime Minister's Office. After celebrating the birthdays first of former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, then Foreign Ministry director general Uri Savir, Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week succeeded in surprising his media adviser Aliza Goren, whom he led into another office where staffers had prepared a party for her birthday. And believe it or not, he still has time to attend to affairs of state.



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Electric shame Federman increases stake

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IT'S been more than 70 years since former Russian revulutionary Pinhas

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Rutenherg electrified the Jurdan hasin and excited the Yishuv by establishing the Palestine Electric Company. Fnrtunately, since this pinneering accomplishment, local power production has shot up nearly immeasurably.

Unfortunately, Rutenberg's heirs at the Israel Electric Cnrpnratinn have yet th undergo the capitalist metamnrphusis which highlighted their spiritual father's career. Worse yet - as has heen so blatantly manifested this week - they have the government in their pocket.

A more disinterested gnvernment wnuld have emerged fram this week with a post-socialist gospel. With IEC's 50-year-old fran-

chise abont to expire, and with privatizatinn sweeping dozens nf sectors in scores of countries, one might have expected Israel in seize the mnment and bring to the marketplace sizable chunks of its largest commercial employer.

At a time when the private sector engages in healthy competition over anything from our telephone usage to the construction of the highways we drive upon, it should go without saying that engineering companies ought to be allowed to compete over the

electrification of a newly built town, or the power supply to a cluster of industrial plants.

Instead - bowing to pressure from IEC's infamously. aggressive union - the government did the very opposite: It renewed for

that only half of this already mndest partian would he located in Israel - the rest is will hnpefully he situated in neighbnring countries - and bearing in mind that the new stations will be compelled to sell their output in IEC, which will remain the consumers' only provider, one sadly detects here the cumhersnme centralism which has plagned this economy since its inception. Some of the 16 hands raised in favor of the bill presented by Energy Minister Gonen Segev this week helonged th

ideolngues, particularly Absorptinn Minister Yair Tzaban, an honest socialist with no ulterior motives. Another hand, Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni's, went courageonsly against the ministerial grain.

The rest except. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid whn abstained sheepishly follnwed Shimnn Peres's lead into the nld Middle East's painfully familiar, cynical, and wasteful public sectors.

Labor's ministers will deny this, but their vote reflected fear of a self-centered union's sway over them on the eve of party primaries on the one hand, and a scorn for the national interest on the nther. The public, they apparently told themselves, does not follow this kinds of news. They are wrong.

Middle-income Israelis know how to read their electric bills and juxtapose them with semior IEC executives' salaries, which - in violation of the Treasury's instructions - surpass \$11,000 a month.

With 13,000 employees whn get electricity for free, IEC is overstaffed, glaringly financially cushinned, and politically powerful. Even so, it is still far smaller, and weaker, than this conntry's entire middle class - Labor's real electoral backbone.

in Elite Industries to 40%

ELITE Industries chairman and general manager David Federman has purchased the British Man company's 24 percent stake in Elite for about \$44 million, after having outbid the Bino-Liberman consortium which also competed for the shares, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. The market expressed a lack of

confidence in the new controlling shareholder, with Elite's shares plunging about seven percent yesterday. "The share went up about 30%

in the last few days on expectations that [Zadik] Bino would gain own-ersbip," one broker said. "People are selling for two reasons - profittaking and because nothing has changed in the company. Federman will continue to manage Elite just as he did in the past."

Federman told Israel Radio that he is very satisfied with the purchase. The transaction was financed by one of the large Isracli banks with which Federman has a financing contract. The Federman group consists of David Federman, his brother and father.

"After 10 years in Elite I had to reach an agreement in principle on whether I want to continue or not," Federman said. "After considering this for a long time and looking into a number of alternatives, I decided there is still a lot to do and decided to take this route."

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According to the agreement, the Federman group has pur-chased 24% of the controlling shares and another 12% of the stock capital, for about 50 percent mare than the market price Wednesday. As a result, the Federman group has increased its stake in the company from 16% to about 40%.

"I don't think the market price is the relevant issue," Federman said. "You can count the number of companies the size of Elite in Israel on one hand. In my opinion Elite is currently traded below its real value. It is true the company is not going through an easy period but I usually try to look a few years ahead and I am confident that it was the right move, and the right price."

Analysts forecast Elite's profits will drop in 1996 as a result of competition from Osem and Nestle.

Cial Industries, a subsidiary of Clal Israel, yesterday informed the TASE of its plans to enter negotiations with Elite in an attempt to join up with the Federman group. David Wainshal, president and CEO of Clal Israel, said the Clal group's business strategy is th increase its activities in the food sector. The conglomerate is presently engaged in the sector through Sunfrost and Jafora,

Russia stabilizes oil decline, passes energy program for 1996-2000

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russia fiwithout giving figures. nally began reversing steep oil output declines in 1995, but will not return to the golden years of lenium, a deputy fuel and energy minister said yesterday. First Deputy Fuel and Energy Minister Alexander Yevtushenko also told a news conference that the government had approved a \$148.1 billion "Fuel and Energy 1996-2000" program to develop the sector. "Output stabilized last year and will continue to do so at those levels until 2000," he said,

densate in 1995 at 307 million But he also said the ministry tons, which it calls a three perhad some questinns over the stacent drop on 1994.

According to Federman, there

are several other companies, both

here and abroad, that have also

expressed an interest in a strategic

partnership agreement. He said

the company plans to join up with

one or two strategic partners that

will be able to contribute to Elite's

"We have several alternatives,"

he said. "Clal has expressed inter-est and after looking into the possi-

bility, we told them that if and

when we win, we will be happy to talk to them. We regard Clal as a

very interesting company. We will have to listen to exactly what they

think and what is being discussed."

The chairman denied rumors that Clal intends to appoint a new

managing director for Elite, add-

ing that he does not plan to step

Giza, an investment advisory firm,

said Man's sale of Elite's shares

demonstrates that the stock ex-

change is a good medium for own-

"The transaction shows that,

theoretically, if the government

would release more shares nn the

exchange, we would see the emer-

gence of controlling shareholders

through the bourse, like in the case

of Bezek and Cable and Wireless.

The exchange can be an important

medium for changes in ownership,

privatization and takeovers, just

like in other parts of the world,"

Ze'ev Holtzman, president of

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development.

Fuel and Energy Ministry figtus of state-owned shares in oil 1act slipped 11.7 million tons ou 1994 nancial institutions are temporarily managing in trust under to 282.8 million tons, but do not recent, controversial shares-fnrinclude jnint venture loans auctions. productinu. "The questions require not Yevtushenko said the governclear reversals or revolutionary ment's five-year program comchanges [in the ontcome of the prises 28 key projects, which he did not specify, with financing to auctions], but rather some examination," he said. "Formercome from federal and regional budgets, post-tax profits nf indily, we owned these shares. Now it is unclear whn owns them. vidual companies, domestic and international loans and credits, while they are temporarily in the and amortization. hands nf the banks." State Statistics Committee Cash would also come from the figures have put Russia's total sale of 15 million tons of crude oil nutput of crude oil and gas conover an unspecified period. Yevtushenko did not say whether this oil had already been factored into upcoming export schedules. "This is prohably [Russia's] "A fax for you" most expensive program," he said. "Nn other program, like All you want to know about your accounts, on your fax, within 15 minute housing, can compare. From the oil and gas sectors, we are counting on serious financial possibiliand Im ties from firms' post-tax profits. But we are worried about how to finance the most indispensible gone projects." Yevtushenko said the government would establish a "special fund" to finance investments in the electricity sector and look at ways in which utilities serving the Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk aluminum-smelting regions could send some electricity to the Far East ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK and southern Urals. **ON WEDNESDAY** -

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

TASE chairman resigns: Haim Stoessel, chairman of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, announced yesterday that he was resign-ing as of Fehruary 1. His temporary replacement will be Avi Filosof, son-in-law of Yitzhak Rabin. Bloomberg

White House hopes to keep government open: The White House said yesterday that it hoped President Clinton and the Republican-led Congress could come to an agreement soon to avert a third partial government shutdown.

"We hope, certainly, that either later today or tomorrow we'll be able to come to an agreement with the Congress on a measure that would extend funding so we don't face any prospect of a government shutdown Saturday," White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters.

McCurry said the White House had received from the House a draft of a continuing resolution designed to avoid a shutdown.

Italian firm considers **Dead Sea investments**

RACHEL NEIMAN

ITALIAN state-owned hulding company IRI is considering a \$20 million investment in the Dead Sea area. Under discussinn are the possible establishment of a hotel or spa, and dis-trihutinn rights for Ahava

products in Italy. IRI is Italy's largest holding cnmpany, employing snme

330,000, with an average annual turnover of some \$50 billion. Ahava is the brand name nf a line of mud- and mineral-based cosmetics and related products, developed and manufactured by Dead Sea Laboratnries. The Dead Sea Works nf the ICL group owns 18% of Dead Sea Laboratories. The remainder is owned by area kibbntzim. IRI vice president Roberto Italy.

day visit, accompanied hy a group including both medical and business experts. Also in the delegatinn are Dr. Albertn Calibretti, deputy health minister of Lombardy,

Tama arrives today for a three-

members nf the Lomhardy provincial government's health council, and managers of the San Rocco clinic, which specializes in spa treatments.

The delegation will also discuss a possible changeover, in the San Rocco spa treatments to those developed by Dead Sea Laboratories under the Ahava name. San Rocco would also possibly hecome the headquarters and distribution center for Ahava products in

another decade IEC's monopoly on power generation, transmission, and distribution. True, the bill approved by the cabinet allows for privately owned plants to produce power to a combined 20 percent of IEC's capacity. Yet considering

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ter nperating income had in-creased to \$17.6m. from \$11m.

Annal net incame was

\$605,000, down from \$29.35m.

in 1994. Annual revenues were

\$401.96m., up from \$283.5m.

Earnings per share fell to \$0.01 from \$0.74.

and net income was \$13.8m.

tween Madge and Lannet.

flourish," CEO Robert Madge said, with the completion nf the loss of \$33.6 millinn. In the Lannet acquisition (now integrated as Madge's Enterprise Systems Divisinn). same period in 1994, it logged a net profit nf \$8m. Quarterly revcnucs were \$118.3 millinn, up "I am extremely pleased with the early momentum we already The loss included a pre-tax see coming through in this charge of \$39.1m. and \$8.3m. in product line.

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Salomon Bros. to finance Elbit split

RACHEL NEIMAN

ELBIT has selected the Salocnmpany's mon Brothers investment bank DFOCCSS. to advise and finance its three-

In December, Elbit announced it would turn its three areas nf activity, military systems, health equipment, and civilian products, into separately

sor, Elbit president Emmannel Gil said yesterday, was "a step ance to the Tersel

development Elhit is still considering the plan, whose goal is to maximize

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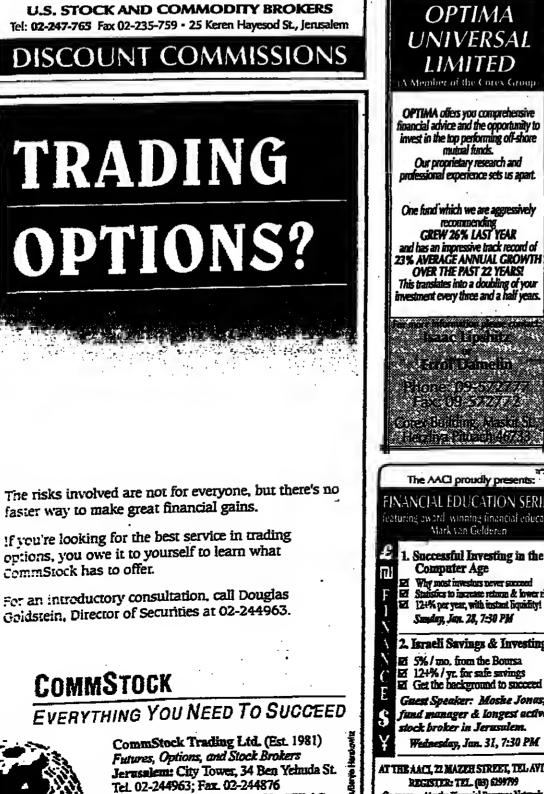
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PARIS - French shares closed slightly higher but well below ' their day's highs due to disappointment that the Bank of France kept its intervention rate unchanged. Although other central banks have cut rates, the; Bank of France is facing temporary relative franc weakness on fears of further labor unrest. The CAC-40 index closed up 4.22 at 1,950.19.

linked buying. Brokers said the upside remained heavy with local institutions selling ahead of the financial year-end in March. The Nikkei's near-term ceiling was seen as 20,500. The 225-share Nikkei average climbed 101.95 points, or 0.50 percent, to close at 20,414.69.

BONG KONG - Hong Kong shares closed up sharply. The Hang Seng index broke above the key 11,000 level for the first time in 23 months following Wall Street's record finish overnight. The blne-chip index soared 142.87 points or 1.30 percent to end at 11,103.08.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market closed higher as strong leads from offshore boosted, investor interest and options expiries boosted turnover. The All Ordinaries index closed 18.2 points higher at 2,253.9.



market withstand a powerful selloff in bonds yesterday, but stock investors still took profits in previous high-flyers, leaving stock indexes down for the day.

A strong wave of program selling deepened the losses.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was down 26.01 points to close at . 5,216.83 after showing modest losses for most of the day.

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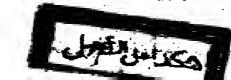
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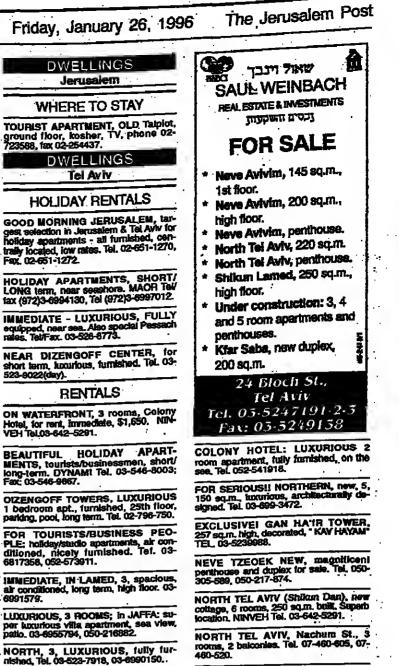
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NEWS/SPORTS

OC Manpower: 20% of recruits fail to complete their service

TWENTY percent of all IDF recruits fail to complete the full term of mandatory service, Outgoing OC Manpower Braoch Maj.-Geo. Yisrael Einhorn said vesterday.

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This is double the rate of five years ago and triple the rate of 10 years ago.

Einhorn said thousands of soldiers are redundant within their units, a problem which is coostantly worscning. Einhorn said plans to cut com-

LIAT COLLINS

pulsory IDF service had heen put in the bottom of the drawer," despite haviog beeo approved by prime minister Yitzhak Rahin.

He told reporters the plans had been frozeo to prevent causing a shock to the entire military system. He called for their immediate implementation, particularly a drastic cut in military service for male soldiers.

Einhorn said the IDF is obliged to accept all those who want to serve, leading to problems of unsuitable and uousable soldiers, who are later discharged early, many after serving prison sentences. Many of the 20 percent that fail to complete their service

should never have been drafted, he said. He said the problem of hidden redundancy is far worse among

female soldiers than male ones. The ooly recommendation

which has been partially put into effect is to cut reserve duty and use soldiers on compulsory service instead.

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) said he supports cutting the length of compulsory service to make the IDF more efficient, while preserving its role as a social equalizer, even in a time of peace.

Woman reveals pictures of sick Yemenite babies she treated in 1950s

Woman, beaten by husband, dies

RAMON

nurse in Haifa's Rambam Hospital during the 1950s, showed photographs on Channel 1's Mabat cews last night that she said were of malnourished and ill Yemenite hahies she had treated in the state's early years.

She said that many of the hahies were so ill they did not survive, despite the devoted treatment they received at Rambam.

"They arrived in a very had state, dehydrated and emptylooking, and it was very hard to save them." she said.

"We treated them with care and devotion, and some of them we saved, but we could not save all of them '

The woman refused to reveal her name, saying she feared the supporters of Uzi Meshulam.

'I decided to reveal this because nf the situation we are in now, that is likely to hring a split in the nation and lots of anger. With this step I hope to contribute to social unity with the Ye-

VALERIA Rivkio, 59, of Ha-

dera, who was hit in the head

with an ax by her husband last

week, died yesterday in Tel

The hushaod, Mark Rivkin,

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mon said, but was something that

had to be done. In fact, he ar-

gued, the status quo had changed

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to the detriment of the religious

Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

A WOMAN who worked as a menite community," she said. She said she would submit her pictures and other evidence th the committee of inquiry investi-

gating the fate of Yemenite childreo who went missing during the state's early years.

Aviad Levy, chairman of the Mishkan Ohalim assneiation, a Yemenite group, insisted the woman had nothing to fear from the Yemenite enmmunity. He added, however, that he did not believe her revelations shed any new light on the fate of the missing children.

'We have nther shocking testimony" that contradicts her version, Levy said.

Channel 2 reported that Mishkan Ohalim officials had also said the babies in the pictures could not be Yemeoite bahies, "hecause Yemeoite children were hreastfed mntil age two, and their weight was generally average, while the children in the picture look scrawny and malnourished." (Itim)

Peres orders probe of Liaison Bureau

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRIME Mioister Shimon Peres has asked his ministry's legal adviser. Ahaz Ben-Ari, to look into the activities of the Liaison Bureau, the nnce-clandestine office of the government which operated behind the Iron Curtain and today is legally active in the CIS. Meanwhile, two former prisoners of Zion, who represent the CIS olim on the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, have asked board chairman Charles (Corky)

Goodman to convene the agen-

cy's executive to discuss remarks by Chairman Avraham Burg. In a letter to Goodman, Natan Sharansky and Eduard Kuznetsov write that Burg has described the burean "as an obsolete entity

and vociferously [advocated] its immediate closure. Sharansky and Kuznetsov warn that, if this were to happen and "in case of a resurgence of reactionary powers in the CIS, we would oot have a chancel for aliya.'

Three hurt in accident – car in wrong lane

A hushand and wife from Yavne were very seriously injured and the driver of a second car moderately injured in a head-on collisioo between two vehicles nn the Ashdod-Tel Aviv road last night. Police said the driver of the second car had for some reason

been driving in the couple's lane in the wrong direction.

Jewish media conference begins tomorrow night

SOME 150 Jewish jnurnalists from 30 countries are attending the Sixth Ioternational Conference of the Jewish Media, which opens tomorrow night in Jerusalem. During the five-day-long event, participants will meel with

kud leader Binyamin Netnayahu and Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau. The conference is being organized by the World Zionist Organization's information depart-Batsheva Tsur

Boon, yestenday. Boon, yestenday. The stundy and forcely patriot. iç number three hatsman has steeled Anstralia's top order for tinian and Israeli participants. 12 years through a combination were acting with the full knowlof raw, unflinching courage and a edge of their respective leaders. technique gradually shorn of un-Israeli officials have stated

necessary flamboyance. In his 107th aod final test match, the 35-year-old veterao strode to the wicket at Adelaide Oval in familiar circumstances. Australia were io tronble: first wicket down and only one run on the board. Fittingly - and as so often in the past - Boon answered the call. Thirty-eight overs after taking guard, he departed with 43 valuable runs against him name. Another crisis averted. Former captain Allan Border, whom Boon served with such selfless loyalty for a decade, lauded his former team mate.oo Wednesday after hearing of his decision to retire from the international game at the end of the curreot test. "He is truly one of the great Austra'ian players ... an absolutely champion hloke. A great man to have in the dressing room and a great player to have in the ' Border said. 2 "If he fired, we did well, and if

ly tame experience for David

that's how important he's been to

years ago, Boon's bravery defied a ferocious West Indies attack, cementing his fearless reputation with a gutsy contary..... Struck in the face by a bouncer.

Cesturies, Boon, entered test-cricket in the 1984-85 series against West indies with Australia's fortunes at a low ebb. Before the end of the rabber, the then captain Kim Hoghes had resigned in tears af-

ter yet another defeat.

Going into his farewell test, Boon had scored 7,344 test runs at an average of 43.71, including 21 hundreds. Only Border has scored more test rans for Australia and and only three of his com-" patriots have recorded more test

the crime for police. He will now be charged with murder. He told investigators that their marriage began to deteriorate while they were still in Russia, and that his wife had recently requested a divorce.

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Ramon stressed, however. "I the two sides.' isters were involved.

He declined to say which min-Aliza Goren, spokeswoman for

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Hashomer, the second driver was taken to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

The husband and wife were taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel

(Itim)

David Boon, a serious cricketer and a serious drinker. He was said to have once consumed 58 cans of beer on a flight from Australia to England.

Boon, in his last test match, once again rescues Australia

Friday, January 26, 1996

nings to have stitches inserted in his face without anesthetic, rescuing Australia again was a relative-

Anstralia," Border added. At Sabina Park, Kingston, five.

from Patrick Patterson that ripped open his chin, Boon simply refused to yield to pain or intimidation, blunting the West Indies threat with an inspirational mnings of 109

"He got a hundred against a pretty hostile attack and c one on the chin but didn't even whis test cater, provided the necflinch." Border recalled. ""He just got some butterfly stitches put in without a painkiller and carried on batting. That showed just how tough he was -

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Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Li-ADELAIDE (Reuter) - For a man who once interrupted an in-

community. For example, gooe were the regulations that had made Jerusalem, and eveo Tel Aviv, seem like a "city under siege" on Shabbat.

The only area left to the religious, he said, was the realm of personal status, and that was the most precious thiog to them. Wheo he said that this should he left to them; Ramon said, he was oot making a political calculation.

Rather, he said, it is the minimum price the secular public had to pay to live together peacefully with the religious. For the overwhelmiog majority of Israelis, this presented nn prohlem, he noted, adding that the problem cases are very few in relation to want, that they should marry in whatever way they want." The political reality, he said,

"That isn't my world view,"

think that people should eat

whatever they want, that they

should import whatever they

the absolute numbers.

was that neither Prime Minister Shimon Peres oor Likud leader Bioyamin Netaoyahu would change the status ouo. However, he added, if those who insisted that Peres give in get their way, they would only find that the result would be Netanyahu returning to power, with more religious legislatioo than ever.

'You have to decide, if for the sake of eating pork you have Bibi as the prime minister, that's too high a price to pay. In the end you'll suffer the worst of all possihle worlds. Ynu won't be able to eat pork and Bibi will be the prime minister," Ramon said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, would not confirm or deny Abu Zayyad's claims.

There are no negotiations under way on Jerusalem," Goren said, but added, "If the claims [by Ahu Zayyad] are correct, that there are meetings of one kind or another, they are not being conducted with the knowledge or approval nf the prime minister."

There have heeo several reports in recent weeks of meetings concerning Jerusalem being held by Israeli and Palestinian academics, that are being conducted with the government's approval and, at times, coordination. Abu Zayyad said he had participated io these informal meetings, and that he believed both the Pales-

erial level, and have also denied involvement in the informal meetings betweeo academics. Palestinian officials have until now declined to comment.

Abu Zayyad, who was elected Saturday to the new Palestinian Council as a Jerusalem representative, said the meetings between Palestinian and Israeli ministers were "fruitful" and "help set the stage for the formal talks,"

However, he said he does not believe real progress can be made in orgoniations on any final-stage issues, including Jerusalem, until after the Israeli elections.

The fical-status talks are scheduled to begin in May, under the terms set down in the Oslo accords.

he missed out, we struggled -

said. Doring another intimidating" assault in the home series against West Indies in 1992-93, Boon ooce returned to the crease, at Adelaide Oval with his ann so badly bruised he lost feeling in his hand . . .

Such feats earned the churky Tasmanian the respect and deep admiration of the Anstralian public, who idolized "Boome"s' as a

true "Anssie battler". Former team mate and current Victoria captain Dean Jones described Boon, or "Stumpy" as he was known in the dressing room, as "one of the toughest cricketers ever to pull on a baggy green cap".

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On Saturday, the new Cantona

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essary resilience at the top of the order as Anstralia gradually restored their standing in world cricket. Off the field, the seemingly shy

nothing ever fazed him," Bonder and reserved Boon gleefolly played the leading role in team in hand, his voice was invariably the first to break into song. Indeed, his exploits as a drinker came to earn him almost as much esteem among Australia's male population as his ability with the bat. He was said to have once consumed 58 cans of beer oo a flight from Australia to England

Throughout his test career. Boon has done his job with little fanfare or fuss. So much so, Border believes, that his contributioo has often been underestimated. "They are not going to see the true value of David Boon until he's not there," Border declared.

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The new Cantona lacks fire heated simation," referee Lodge

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LONDON (AP) - Is this the real Eric Cantona?-

The man who helped Manchester United win hack-to-back and deserves tremendoos league titles and a rare league and cup double triumph is battling to cut Newcastle's hoge standings lead and take his team to a third FA Cup final in a row.

But even the Frenchman's fans are now saying that the "new Cantona" may lack some of the fire and motivatioo that terrorized opposing defenders.

There are no vellow cards, let alone red ones, these days. The player who was banned for eight months for kicking a fan after his sixth expulsion in English soccer has been a model of good behavior.

In Mooday's game at West Ham, Cantona went out of his. way to pull protesting teammate Aody Cole away from referee Stephen Lodge just as the costriker was in danger of being sent off for dissent.

The old Cantona might have jnined in the protest and run the risk of another red card. Instead he has become peacemaker instead of troublemaker.

lower divisions are out to upset "Eric did a superb job in a , the big guns in round four, --

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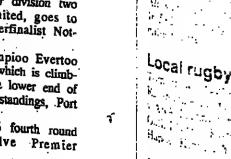
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Defendiog champioo Evertoo welcomes a team which is climbing away from the lower end of the division one standings. Port Vale,

Four of the 16 fourth round matchupa involve Premier League teams only.

Leeds visits Bolton, Middlesbrough hosts Wimbledon, Manchester City goes to Coventry and . Chelsea, which eliminated league leader Newcastle in round three, takes a short trip across west London Monday to visit Queens Park . Rangers

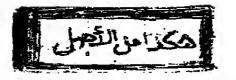




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SPORTS

Seles claws her way to Open final

MELBOURNE (Renter) - No. 1 seed Monica Seles produced one of the great comebacks of her glittering career to win a place in her fourth Australian Open final as she beat teenager Chanda Rubin in three sets yesterday.

Seles, whose return to tennis after an April 1993 stabbing has revitalized the women's game, faces eighth seed Anke Huber after the German reached her first grand slam final with a sec-saw three-set win over South Africa'a Amanda Coetzer.

The 22-year-old Seles, hot favorite to win her ninth grand slam title in the absence of the injured Steffi Graf, came back from 5-2 down in the third set to win an epic semifinal 6-7, 6-1, 7-5 against the talented Rubin who was facing her Yugoslav-born compatriof for the first time.

Huber's first-ever match gainst Coetzer, though without the drama of the Seles encounter, gave the tournament a new twist with the 21-year-old German making it into a grand slam final at the 24th attempt.

"lt's a big surprise, l didn't expect it ... it's difficult to explain thow I feel)," an overwhelmed Huber told reporters after her 4-6. 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Seles, the joint world No. 1 who has battled niggling injuries throughout the tournament, had to dig deep to level the match in the second set against an inspired Ruhin after losing the first on a lic-hreak

The young American, who had beaten world No. 3 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in a 31/2 hour quarter-final, followed the same door-die approach and at 5-2 in the deciding set the center court crowd scented an historic victory. As so often with champions, Seles - never beaten in Australia in 31 outings, 27 of them at the Australian Open - had other ideas.

Seles held serve and at 5-3 with Ruhin poised for an upset, she linally cracked her pounding serve for the first time in the set and then broke again to set up a temarkable victory and bring the crowd to its feet.

Seles, who won the Open for three straight years before her stubbing by a crazed Graf fan, said she felt lucky to have survived to the final. get in a linle bit.and I think I

"I just can't believe it because did that pletty well, Fgave myself I was pretty sine it was chai

STILL GOT IT - Monica Seles smashes the ball back to compatriot Chanda Rabin en route to her semifinal win yesterday.

shoulder lifting weights, forcing "I'm just very glad that I'm her to pull back on her serve. there because I'm very lucky to

Injury-plagued since her comeback last August, Seles said the shoulder was so stiff on Wednesday she could hardly lift it in practice, but she said it was much better when warmed up and felt generally 100 percent fit going into the match.

. Seles, who has beaten Huber 8-month layoff, predicted a

The German lived dangerously against 16th-seeded Coetzer,

After losing the first set, she changed tactics and slowed down the pace of the match against the diminutive South African who was chasing down everything. "I tried to hit too many winner-

s...in the second set I played a little bit smarter, some more toptwice since coming back from her the rhythm a little hit and that - Alonzo Monraing had 25 was the important thing," Huber

Maccabi Tel Aviv unable to turn over new Leaf

Barcelona wins sixth straight, 84-80

ARTURAS Karnisovas scored 31 points to lead Barcelona to a \$4-80 home victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv last night in the European Club Championships final pool.

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Maccabi falls to 5-6 with the loss and drops out of a tie for the fourth and last quarter-final spot from Group B, as Cibona Zagreh defeated visiting Real Madrid 64-59 and Pau-Orthez shocked Panathinaikos 69-67 in Greece.

Barcelona, winning its sixth straight game, improved to 8-3 to take sole possession of first place.

Maccabi raced back from a 14point, second-half deficit behind the hrilliant play of Brad Leaf, who scored 20 points coming off the bench for starting point guard Oded Katash

The Israelis even managed to take the lead for a hrief moment at 66-65 with eight minutes left in the game before Barcelona . quickly built up a six-point advantage again and held on for its eighth straight European home win and 16th victory in its last 17 games on its home court.

In the first half, Maccabi coach Zvika Sherf sent Katash to the bench five minutes into the game after the young guard unwisely tried to go on the attack alone against three defenders instead of

his 20.6 scoring average with 21 in BRIAN FREEMAN the first half atone. waiting for his teammates to ar-

rive to set up a play. aged to score and pull down key Down 23-12 with 12 minutes rebounds, no matter which Macremaining until the break, Leaf cabi player guarded him, as he appeared to singlehandedly turn stifled Israeli comeback attempts Maccahi's fortunes around. He time and again. was everywhere on the court, as he grahhed key rebounds, dished out assists, played stellar defense,

directed the offense heautifully

Despite a dominating advan-

tage on the boards at both ends of

the court for Barcelona, Tel Aviv

cut the lead to 41-38 with just

over two minutes left in the

But Barcelona then managed

to huild up a 50-40 cushion at half

after Maccabi made some serious

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The team failed to box out as

Barcelona retained possession af-

ter two consecutive missed sec-

ond free throws, and then Sherf

was whistled for a technical foul

that gave the Spaniards four

more shots from the charity

stripe. To make matters worse,

Radisav Curic threw the hall

Maccahi's main nemesis

throughout the game was the su-

perb Karnisovas, who surpassed

away after heing double teamed.

and scored 14 points in the half.

For Maccahi, which lost for the fourth time in the last fifth game, Leaf scored 20 points, Doron Jamchee 17, Tom Chambers 11 and Curcic 10.

The Lithuanian forward man-

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Kamisovas had 31 for Barcelona, while Dan Godfread had 19 and Javier Fernandez 16.

In Group B, host Buckler Bologna beat Benfica Lisbon 97-91.

In Group A, hosts Antihes heat 86 Ulker Istanhul 86-79, while visiting Benetton Treviso defeated Bayer Leverkusen 77-

On Wednesday, Iraklis Salonika beat visiting CSKA Moscow 71-68 and Olympiakos won on the road against Malaga, 77-76 in overtime

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Knicks get revenge on Riley MIAMI (AP) - Patrick Ewing Miami had its higgest lead, 67ond huzzer sounded to make it scored 37 poiots and Charlie 61, when Ward started a 9-0 spurt 81-72 with three minutes to go.

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:

Ewing dunked again and hit

two free throws as the Knicks built their lead to 78-70. Ward swished a 3-pointer as the 24-sec-LA. Lakers 124, Boston 187 Hoeston 58, New Jersey 89 Cleveland 91, Philadelphia 88 New York 88, Minusi 79 Churlotte 127, Washington 113 Phoenix 101, Minuresota 91 Chicago 104, Vanturesota 91

Lakers 124, Celtics 107 Elden Campbett scored a season-high 26 points and Nick Van Exel added 18 as the visiting Lakers won. The win was the Lakers' fifth in

their last six games and gave them a sweep of the two-game series against Boston.

GUESS WHICH?

Which team holds the record for least yards rushing in a Super Bowi?

New England Patriots Chicago Bears

Dallas Cowboys

San Francisco 49ers

Answer tomorrow.

'Answer to yesterday's 'Guess Which' ue last dea in the Eastern Regional Final of the 1995 NCAA Tournament.

Ward hit a pair of key 3-pointers Wednesday night to help the New York Knicks heat Pat Riley's struggling Miami Heat, 88-79. (AP) It was the second meeting be-

tween Riley and the team he left after last season amid considerable rancor. The Knicks beat Miami in New York on December 19, 89-70, when the Heat were without four starters.

This time the Heat were near to full strength, but New York overcame a six-point deficit in the fourth period. Miami lost for the spins, some high balls, I changed - righth time in the past 10 games.

with a 3-pointer - his first points of the game. Ward also made a steal and perfect pass to John Starks for a hreakaway layup, and Ewing's dunk put New York ahead 70-67 with 7:30 left.

be in the final."

for her shots.

Wrestling mania hits Ramle

ALAN ROBERTS

SIXTY-FIVE champion wres- to the world champion in 1995 tlers from eight different countries are today and tomorrow night grappling in Ramle for the 12th International Wrestling Tournament in memory of the 11 Israeli athletes killed by terrorists at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

A star-studded lineup dominated hy Bellorussia's Vladimir Kapitov, 1993-4 world champion and European champion at 74 kilograms and Alexander Sidurenko, winner of the bronze at the Barcelona Olympics and 1993 European champion at 82 kg, is on the hill.

Georgia's world youth champion Gela Bizinashvilly will also be out on the mat as will Israel's own wrestling champ, 22-year-old Gucca Chichiashvili, runner-up

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and third at the recent European Championships in France. The Israel Wrestling Associa-

Ruhin, who won a protracted

- standing ovation for her victory

over Sanchez Vicario, said she

tried to dominate Seles by going

"I tried to stay aggressive and

tion is the only sporting body in Israel that has traditionally honored the memory of the 11 victims of the 1972 Olympic Games in a formal sport event. This year it has managed to do so again in spite of being beset hy serious financial woes following hreakaway and independence from the Sport Federation of Israel.

"The Wrestling Association is proud to be able to stage this high quality and thoroughly professional tournament for the 12th time running", said president Yoram Ornstein.

The tournament will be staged under the auspices of Ramle Mayor Yoel Lavi.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Boon sets up Waughs to punish Sri Lanka David Boon played a familiar rescue role in his last appearance for Australia which set up twins Mark and Sleve Waugh for an assault on Sri Lanka in the third and final Test vesterday.

Boon, who will retire from international cricket at the end of this match at the Adelaide Oval, steadied the innings with a typically resolute 43 after Australia lost a wicket in the first over of the game.

Mark Waugh, who hit 71, and brother Steve, with an unbeater. 70, subsequently lifted Australia to 239 for five at the close on the opening day after they won the toss. Reuter

Hill tops All-Star votes

Grant Hill of Detroit received the most votes and edged Chicago's Michael Jordan in the closest battoring for the NBA All-Star Game since 1977. Hill received 1.358,004 for a 16,582-vote margio over Jordan (1.341,422) out of more than 6 AP million votes.

Local rugby fixtures

Tomorrow's rugby matches: (AI Sponek) ASA Tet Aviv v Ra'anana - 11:00: Eagles I v ASA Jerusalem - 12:30; Eagles II v ASA Technion Haifa, 14:00. (At Kibbutz Shamir) Hapoel Galil Elyon v Rishen Lezion - 13:00. (At Kibbutz Yizre'el) Hapoei Kibbutz Yizze ei + HMS Illustrious. Post Sports Staff

Local softball registration

The Israel Softball Association invites new players and teams for the 1996 season. The registration deadline is February 7. interested parties can call 68-270690 for details. The ISL is spursated by The Jerusalem Post. Post Sports Staff

SCOREBOARD

VEL - Wendeniny's result: Baffalo 4, Hartford 2: Pinsburgh 4, Oniswa 3; Philadelphin 4, V.Y. Rangers 4; Charage Z. Toronto 2: Detroit 4, San Jose 2; SL Louis 6, Whunipeg 5; Catgary 4, N.Y. binaders 1: Dallas 5, Edmonton 3; Anabelin 2; Vancouver 1 (OT).

Betar Jerusalem meets Hapoel Haifa as league resumes play

DEREK FATTAL

THE short winter break is over as the second half of the soccer season resumes tomorrow with a potential cracker-of-a-match at Kiryat Eliczer, as National League leader Betar Jerusalem seeks to continue its winning drive away to third-placed Hapoel Haifa.

The championship race is tighter than ever. Just four points separate the top four clubs, which are hattling for the right to lift the precious title silverware come this campaign's end. A packed house is expected at Kiryat Eliezer, as Betar's enterprising attack will try to undo one of the

strongest midfield and defensive units in the league. Maccahi Tel Aviv, which occupied top spot for most of the season has a far easier prospect in store, at Bloomfield against lowly neighbor Betar Tel Aviv. When the teams met for the first time this season, Maccabi emerged 3-0 winners. Likewise the formbook sng-

gests other title contender Maccabi Haifa should have little trouble against beleaguered Maccabi Jaffa. Home advantage is likely to prove of little value to Jaffa which lost coach Nissim Bachar earlier in the week after failing in the State Cup, and also saw import Yevegny Dimitriev heat a quick retreat out of the country yesterday due to "personal difficulties."

Hapoel Kfar Sava, which disnaissed coach Eli Yanni at the beginning of the week following its State Cup defeat hy Second Division Ironi Ashdod, will try and put controversy aside as it hosts Hapoel Petah Tikva.

Hapoel Beersheba and Hapoel Tel Aviv meet up in a match-up between the two hig sides which ended up with egg on their faces last weekend in the State Cup against opponents from lower divisions.

The draw for the last-16 stage of the State Cup will be broadcast live oo Israel Radio today at 11:00 a.m.

This workends' National League fixtures (lock off at 14:30 tomorrow miles other-wise stated, first round resolt in DATE

parentheses): Hapoel Hallis v. Betar Jerusalem, (1-2), Kuryat Ellezer, 18:00; Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Betar Tel Aviv, (3-0), Bloomfield, 16:00; Maccabi Jaffa v. Maccabi Halfa, (1-3), Goon Stadium; Maccabi Petah Tikva; Irosi Risboa v. Maccabi Herzliya, (6-1), Rishon Lezion; Hapoel Khr Sava v. Hapoel Petah Tikva, (1-3), Kfar Sava; Hapoel Beershebs v. Rapoel Tel Aviv, (2-3), Beersheba; Bnei Yeinda v. Hapoel Beit She'an, (1-2), Ha-tikva Quarter.

Mexico returns to top 10 in FIFA World Rankings

ZURICH (AP) - Mexico, coming off its second straight Gold Cup title, returned to the top 10 after a two-month absence while Ghana and South Africa both used early African Cup success to make significant jumps in the FIFA World Rankings on Wednesday.

Israel remained anchanged at 42 in the rankings. Mexico, which beat Brazil's under-23 squad 2-0 in Sunday's

CONCACAF title game, moved up to eighth place in the monthly rankings of national teams, up four spots from December.

Despite Sunday's loss, Brazil remained atop the rankings for the 22nd coosecutive month, ahead of Germany, Italy, Spain, Russia, the Netherlands and Argentina, all of which retained their places.

Norway moved up a spot to ninth while Denmark dropped one place to 10th

The US, which lost to Brazil in the semifinals of the Gold Cop on a late own goal and then beat Guatemala for third place, also moved up four places to 15th, its highest ranking since the list was introduced in 1993.

Chicago 104. Vancouver 84 Indiana 97, MBwankee 89 Detroit 85, San Antonio 84 points and 10 rebounds for M Scattle 86, Denver 79 but couldn't contain Ewing. Utah 100, Golden State 89

Nadia Comaneci slated to perform here in fall

LOCAL SCENE

HEATHER CHAIT

A PERFECT 10 is coming to Ismorrow night at the newlyrael. Nadia Comaneci, the Romanian gymnastics sensation from the 1976 Montreal Olympics, will give local audiences a demonstration this Octoher of what it takes to be perfect.

The visit will coincide with the European Gymnastics Union's congress to be held in Tel Aviv from October 7-13 with gymnastic heads from 48 countries participating.

Laying the path for Comaneci's visit was Paul Zirest, American gym coach and Comaneci's soonto-be husband who will hring his corps of stars, including Brad Corner (past Olympic champion on parallel bars) and world champion Kim Zameskal to show them off to the European bigwigs.

Traveling tennis players

Israel's Davis Cup tennis team is hard at work abroad practicing for the important tie against Norway next month at Ramat Hasharon. Captain Shlomo Glicksteio personally shepherded Eyal Ran and Noam Behr to a \$300,000 tournament in Shanghai while Eval Erlich took himself off to Zagreb, to play in a \$350,000 competition.

While the national team is safely out of the way until February 3, the Norwegian crew will arrive on January 30 for a training camp at Wingate Institute.

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An Israeli ice-hockey team in the World Championships sounds as absurd as the Jamaican Olympic bobsled team but then, who invented the word 'hutzpah?' To-American Touch Football in Israel

Playoff Semi-Finals

Friday, January 26

at TEDDY STADIUM

11 a.m.

Lobo's v Israel Center (NCSY)

12:30 Big Blue v Ziontours

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League players in uniform enter free

opened Olympic rink in Metulla's Canada Center, Israel begins a course in the pre-World Champiooships tonrnament (level C) against Greece and Turkey. To warm up on the ice for this

tournament, Israel played two friendlies against a Russian Olympic veterans team. Israel lost both games 8-5, hut Metulla local council head Yossi Goldberg was pleased with the effort.

Kolesnik aims straight A bull's-eye for local archer Yaron Kolesnik who won an international tonrnament in Manchester, shooting past 108 other contestants.

Kolesnik, still needing to clear the international criterion for the Olympics, was overjoyed with his performance after his six-month break from competition.

Alex Gilady honored

After just one year as Israel's first member of the International Olympic Committee, Alex Gilady is already justifying his posilion. This week the German sports magazine, Sport Intern, ranked Gilady 27th in its annual list of 100 most influential people in world sport.

Gilady is the first Israeli to feature in the prestigious list. Yael fights again

Yael Arad's first test in this Olympic year will be tomorrow in the first competition in a series of A-level tournaments in Moscow. Arad and Einat Yaron (who fights on Sunday) went east after sharpening their skills at a training camp in Austria.

Watch Emmitt, then watch the yards pile up

TEMPE, Arizona (AP) - Leave it to Nate Newton, the Dallas Cowboya' 149-kilogram chatterhox, to define Emmitt Smith's impact on the team.

"Before Emmitt came, 1 was just a normal fat guy," the left guard said. "Now I'm a fat guy who goes to the Pro Bowl."

Emmitt Smith can do that for people.

It's conceivable that if his 1.7meter 94-kilogram body staods up for another six to eight years, he could bold every NFL rushing record

. While watching Sunday's Dallas-Pittshurgh Super Bowl, consider this:

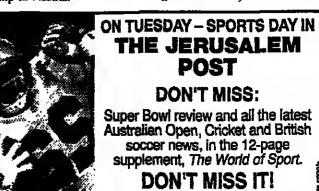
• Smith's 25 rushing touchdowns this year were the most in a single season, one more than John Riggins' old mark. His 96 career TDs in just six seasons are fifth hehind Walter Payton, Brown, Marcus Allen and Riggins. Next season, he should catch Payton, who has 110.

 His 1,773 rushing yards broke his owo Dallas record, set in 1992. He's already 13th on the all-time rushing list with 6,956 yards, more than halfway to Payton's 16,726, set over 13 seasons. · He's also 115 yards away from hreaking Franco Harris's record of 354 rushing yards in Super Bowl games.

• Most important: Since 1993, the first of Dallas' Super Bowt seasons, the Cowboys are 0-4 in games he has missed; 31-5 in games he's played.

Sunday's Super Bowl will be broadcass live, with the pre-game show beginning on Sports Channel 5 at 12:45 a.m. Monday, and on Prime Sports at 1 a.m. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:20 a.m.

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Agreement in pipeline over Rafael dismissals

Histadrut accepts firing of 400

DAVID RUDGE

AN agreement in principle was reached yesterday to resolve the oogoing dispute at Rafael, the weapons development authority, under which workers would accept dismissals and pay freezes in return for not turniog the concern into a public company.

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The agreement was reached in the early hours of yesterday marning, after marathan talks between Histadrut officials, Treasury officials, and represeotatives of the workers and management.

The accord, however, must still be approved by Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres, whose decisinn is expected Sunday or Monday.

Under the accord, the Histadrut officials and the warkers agreed to the dismissal of a total of 400 government emplayees from the concern and a wage freeze for the next two years.

The dismissals include the 350 already decided upon by management and the Civil Service Commission which were approved on Sunday by the National Labor Court, which rejected an appeal by the workers and the Histadrut

against the firlogs. Over 100 of those scheduled for dismissal have already agreed to leave.

Negotiations are continuing over severance terms for them and those whn are to be fired. Yigal Cohen, head of the trade uninn department of the Histadrul's Haifa office, said that under the proposed agreement state employees would accept a wage freeze. This would mean an effective cut in salary nf betweeo 13 percent to 15 percent over the next twn years.

He said nearly 3,000 of Ra-

fael's 4,300 workers were governmeot employees and the rest were oo special cootracts. The savings from the agreed cutbacks in manpower and salaries would be considerable, said Cohen. "We are very pleased with this -

form and defers the prospect of turning it into a public company for the oext two years," said Cohen. Meanwhile, Likud chairman

promised workers that he would oppose any attempts to turn Rafaci into a public company be-cause of its strategic importance. "Just as you don't privatize the air force or the Mossad or the General Security Service, you can't privatize Rafael, which is a vital enterprise," said

Netanyahu.

ing the owner a hearing, the High Court of Justice said yesterday. Soldiers were ordered to boycon the restaurant owned by Elitzur and Aviva Butavia immedi-. ately after the murder of Yitzhak-Rabin, due to soldiers' reports.

agreement because it allows Rafael to contioue in its present

Binyamin Netanyahu visited the plant yesterday afternnon and

Victim stabs robber, leading to drug pusher's arrest

aged to escape.

dealing in heroin.

AN empinyee at a Nazareth felafel shop in took matters intn his own hands after a masked robber armed with a knife stole NIS 100 in cash from him.

The worker raced after the thief aod an accomplice, and stabbed the robber several times in the back.

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The suspect was moderately in-

Nazareth police statioo commander Ch.-Supt. Shmuel Mermelstein said that the owner af the house had been frightened by the police presence and had Later, police set up an ambush outside a house in the city where thrown several packets, believed they thought the accompliceto contain heroin, outside.

He did not spot the detectives might appear. Instead they arrested another man suspected nf waiting outside and went to pick up the six packets.

before restaurant made off-limits EVELYN GORDON THE army had no right to order soldiers to boycott a Kiryat Arba Their restaurant was not even fast food restaurant without giv-

Jews.

Furthermore, Butavia said, some of those who testified against him to the army have. since retracted their stalements, saying they had confused himwith someone else.

The army said it iovestigated . these claims when il received

Soldier who shot up Jaffa church claims rabbi encouraged him

HANIEL Koren, a soldier who went on a shooting spree in Jaffa's St. Anthony's Church last May, told Tel Aviv District Court yesterday that he had acted under the instructions of a rabhi who had encouraged him to commit the crime, and that he did not regret his actions. He did not name the rabbi.

Immediately following Koren's statements, his lawyer, Ami Weig, asked to be relieved of the case, saying his whole line of defense had collapsed.

Weig said that until recently, Koren had been regretful and seemed ashamed nf what he had done. But about six weeks ago, someone gave-Koren a book written by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane. After reading it, Weig said, Koren told him that he could not tell the court he regretted his actions. ...

Judge Natan Amit refused to relieve Weig, however.

The shooting in the church caused damage but no injuries. Koren is also charged with trying to set fire to the Gethsemane Church in Jerusalem.

A verdict is expected next Wednesday.

them in writing, but found noth-ing to contradict the testimony of the two soldiers who continued to stick to their story. It therefore saw no reason to conduct a hearing with Butavia present.

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However; Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Mishael Cheshin, and Yitzhak Zamir said minimum decency requires a hearing before. damaging a man's livelihood. Butavia's restaoraot catered.

largely to soldiers, and has suffered significant financial damage in the past three months.

The army therefore agreed to hold a hearing early next week. after which Butavia can petition the court again if he wishes.

Mendelevitch challenges Hammer for NRP leadership

SARAH HONIG

THE National Religious Party's central committee will elect the party leader in two weeks. Incumbent Zevuloo Hammer is seen as a shoe-in, despite a challenge by former prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendelevitch.

None of the party's MKs challenged Hammer, although Hanan Porat says he was oo the verge of so doing.

Porat desisted at the last min-(Itim) ute, he claims, for the sake of

party unity. This would make the present contest one of the more peaceful in recent NRP history.

Hammer's lead over Mendelevitch was displayed yesterday. wheo Hammer submitted his candidacy along with the nomination signatures of 700 of the central committee's 1,000 members.

150 signatures.

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Hammer politically. The committee's vote will be

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that Butavia had rejoiced at the news, blowing the shofar and offering customers free drinks. The army said soldiers were so ... upset by this that fights could have broken nut had they not beeo forbidden to go there.

The Butavias deny that this incident ever occurred.

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opeo the oight of the murder; they said, and Butavia was interviewed on Israel TV the following day saying he denounced the murder, and would rather give. back all the cerritories than see a situation where Jews are killing

Court: IDF must hold hearing

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